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### States

Patients' rights: Leading Republicans said Tuesday that Congress is unlikely to pass patient rights legislation this year, despite lawmakers' pledges to revive it following a Supreme Court ruling limiting lawsuits against HMOs.

Some Democrats said the issue could be potent in the presidential campaign. However, the chances that the Republican-led House will take up a national patients' protection bill this year are "zero," said Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee.

Capitol plane scare: Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher's plane put itself in danger of being shot down when it touched off a security scare before Ronald Reagan ceremonies at the U.S. Capitol. an aide said Tuesday.

the U.S. Capitol, an aide said Tuesday.

Fighter jets that were scrambled first
would have buzzed the governor's turbo
prop to force it to land, Chief of Staff Daniel
Groves said at a news conference. Failing

that, the plane could have been shot down.
Fletcher's plane, carrying the governor to
Ronald Reagan's funeral, flew into restricted air space around the Capitol on June 9.

**Kevorkian case:** A federal appeals court has rejected an appeal for a new trial for assisted suicide advocate Jack Kevorkian, who has been behind hars since 1999.

Kevorkian plans to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court because he did not get a fair trial, said his attorney, Mayer Morganroth.

Tractor on National Mall: A tobacco farmer dubbed "Tractor Man" was sentenced Wednesday to six years in prison in connection with a March 2003 incident that brought traffic in the nation's capital to a standstill.

Dwight Ware Watson, 51, of Whitakers, N.C., was handed the prison time for his conviction on charges of making a false threat to detonate explosives, and destruction of federal property.

On March 17, 2003, Watson drove his tractor into a shallow pool just west of the Washington Monument. For the next 47 hours he sat there, claiming to have "organophosphate bombs" in a metal box attached to a flatbed trailer that he towed to the scene.



Dwight Ware Watson waves an American flag from a tractor he drove into a pond near the Washington Monument on March 17, 2003.



Jordan terrorism plot: A military police officer escorts one of two vans carrying 10 convicted militants entering Jordan's military court in Amman on Wednesday. The court upheld its guilty verdict for 10 militants convicted in a folied terror conspiracy targeting Americans and Israelis living in Jordan during millennium celebrations. The verdict came a year after the Appeals Court asked military judges to re-examine their decision issued in September 2000 on the basis that the terror conspiracy may have been dismissed under a general ammesty issued by Jordan's King Abdullat I in March 1991.

### Rusinass

Mutual fund scandal: Addressing an industry scandal, federal regulators are moving to decree that mutual fund boards have chairmen who are independent from the companies managing the funds.

The industry's trade group and several big-name fund companies fiercely oppose the far-reaching proposal and have been lobbying the Securities and Exchange Commission, which narrowly favors the requirement, against adopting it.

The five-member SEC was scheduled to vote on the proposal at a public meeting Wednesday, the latest in a monthslong series of changes to fund operations aimed at bolstering investor confidence.

### World

Actress' beating death: A French rock star convicted of manslaughter in the beating death of his actress girlfriend has dropped plans to appeal, lawyers said Tues-

Both Bertrand Cantat and the family of his late girlfriend, French actress Marie Trintignant, withdrew their separate appeals in Lithuania, where she died, their lawyers said.

Cantat, the lead singer of one of France's most popular bands, Noir Desir (Black Desire), was convicted in March of beating Trintignant to death in a Vilnius hotel room in July 2003.

**EU president:** With two summits down and one yet to go in the space of a week, Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern is not resuming the hunt for a new European Commission president until next week, officials said Wednesdav.

EU leaders failed last week to reach a consensus on a replacement for Italy's Romano Prodi, whose term expires in October.

Ahern, who is heading the search, said he hoped to find a suitable candidate before the end of the month, when Ireland turns over the rotating EU leadership role to the Netherlands.

BBC reporting scandal: The British

Broadcasting Corp. said Wednesday it is adopting new journalism guidelines in response to strong criticism of its reporting standards from a judicial inquiry.

The broadcaster will immediately impose stricter rules on live reports, the use of anonymous sources and note taking, based on the recommendations of an internal review, BBC director Mark Thompson said.

These issues were raised by a May 2003 report from former BBC radio reporter Andrew Gilligan, who quoted an anonymous source as saying Prime Minister Tony Blair's administration had "sexed up" evidence on Iragi weapons to justify was

Lord Hutton, the senior appeals judge who led the investigation, rejected the report and harshly criticized the BBC for slack reporting checks, throwing the broadcaster into one of the biggest crises in its 80-vear history.

Satellite navigation: The European Union and the United States struck a deal to make the EU's planned satellite navigation system compatible with the existing U.S. Global Positioning System, ending a trans-Atlantic row, officials said Wednesday.

EU Transport Commissioner Loyola de Palacio told reporters that she and U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell will sign the agreement Saturday at the U.S.-EU summit at Dromoland Castle in Ireland.

The American GPS and the European system, dubbed Galileo, "are to become the de facto standard." de Palacio said.

Russia attack: A nighttime attack this week in the Russian republic of Ingushetia by militants near the border of war-ravaged Chechnya killed 92 people and wounded 125, a regional government official said Wednesday.

Among the dead were 67 members of law enforcement agencies, said the official, Magomed Ziyaudinnov.

About 1,000 militants had taken part in the attacks late Monday night, Ziyaudinnov said, quoting the Ingush Interior Ministry.

Ingush officials had previously said about 200 fighters had participated.

Stories and photos from wire services

### Correction

A letter to the editor in Sunday's paper incorrectly identified the letter writer. The author of the letter "Differing opinions are good" was SirWavne Wardlow. Comics, horoscope and advice every day in Stars and Stripes

# Al-Zarqawi threatens Iraq prime minister

# U.S. kills 20 at hide-out in airstrikes

BY ROBERT H. REID The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's interim prime minister said Wednesday he was determined to confront the mastermind of bombings and beheadings who threatened to assassinate him, and the U.S. military said it killed 20 foreign fighters at the suspected terrorist's

A recording purportedly made by Jordanian-born terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi threatened to kill interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi and fight the Americans "until Islamic rule is back on

Earth."

The audio was found Wednesday on an Islamic Web site from the group that claimed responsibility for the beheading of American hostage Nicholas Berg and Kim Sun-il, a South Korean whose decapitated body was found Tuesday between Baghdad and Fallujat.

After the slaying, U.S. forces launched an airstrike on what the Americans said was an al-Zarqawi hide-out in Fallujah. A senior coalition military official said 20 foreign fighters and terrorists were believed to have been

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killed in the Tuesday night strike. The official briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

Dr. Loai Ali Zeidan at Fallujah Hospital put the death toll at three with nine wounded. It was the second U.S. airstrike on Fallujah since Saturday.

"In both cases, we believe we hit significant numbers of al-Zar-qawi lieutenants and al-Zarqawi fighters," said another official, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt. The air-strikes also destroyed large ammunition stores, Kimmitt, coalition deputy operations chief, said Wednesday in an interview with Associated Press Television Neuro

In the audiotape, the speaker thought to be al-Zarqawi told Allawi that "we will continue the game with you until the end."

The speaker said "we will not get bored" until "we make you drink from the same glass" as Izzadine Saleem, the Iraqi Governing Council president killed last month in a car-bombing claimed by al-Zaraowi's groun.

"We will carry on our jihad against the Western infidel and the Arab apostate until Islamic rule is back on Earth," the voice said

An official with Allawi's office dismissed the threat, saying it would not derail the transfer of sovereignty next week.



A young Iraqi man looks at the destruction Wednesday in a parking lot that was hit in overnight airstrikes by the U.S. military in Fallujah, Iraq. On Tuesday night, the United States launched an airstrike on a safe house used by followers of Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

President Bush called Allawi to "reiterate his commitment to the Iraqi people," said White House spokesman Scott McClellan.

During the call, which was scheduled before the al-Zarqawi statement, Allawi raised the topic of the assassination threat, Mc-Clellan said.

McClellan did not provide Bush's response but said Allawi "is determined to confront these terrorist threats."

South Koreans reacted with sorrow and anger to Kim's beheading Wednesday, with President Roh Moo-hyun calling it a "crime against humanity." Kim's body was found two days after he appeared on a videotape broadcast by Al-Jazeera television, pleading "I don't want to die," and begging his government to pull its soldiers out of Iraq.

South Korea refused and said it would go ahead with plans to send another 3,000 forces here by August, which will make it the third-largest troop contributor after the United States and Brit-

"When we think of his desperate appeals for life, our hearts are wrenched with grief," Roh said Wednesday in a national address. Elsewhere, a roadside bomb exploded near Baghdad's Kindi Hospital on Wednesday, killing a policeman who was handling the bomb and a mother and her child who were riding in a taxi, Iraqi police said. Another man, his shirt off, was seen being led away in handcuffs.

In Ramadi, an insurgent stronghold 60 miles west of Baghdad, gunmen killed two policemen and wounded a third in a drive-by shooting, witnesses said.

A roadside bomb also exploded as an Iraqi National Guard patrol passed in the northern city of Mosul, killing one Iraqi soldier and wounding four others, the U.S. military said.

The beheading of Kim, 33, who worked for a South Korean company providing supplies to U.S. forces, stunned South Korea and prompted Seoul to order all nonessential civilians to leave Iraq as soon as possible.

In other developments:

■ Iraqi engineers said they had resumed pumping crude oil through an export pipeline between northern Iraq and Turkey that was attacked last month. Officials with the State Oil Marketing Organization said they were unaware the pipeline was back up.
■ Ton followers of radical Shi-

■ 10p followers of radical Smitte cleric Muqtada al-Sadr rejected an invitation to join a national conference that will select a council to advise Iraq's interim government.

■NATO allies at a summit in Turkey this weekend will consider a request from Allawi for training and other technical assistance but not troops, an alliance spokesman said.

# House OKs \$417B bill for defense spending

BY PAULINE JELINEK
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday approved a \$417 billion defense spending bill that includes an initial \$25 billion for U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, plus billions of dollars for major weapons systems.

The Senate was debating its defense bill at press time.

The House measure also has money for the 3.5 percent military pay raise that President Bush requested and increases Basic Allowance for Housing, eliminating servicemembers' average out-of-pocket housing expenses from 3.5 percent to zero in

fiscal year 2005.

In May, both houses' Armed Services Committees agreed to the 3.5 percent figure.

The 403-17 vote underscored

The 403-17 vote underscored an election-year, bipartisan consensus behind military spending that wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have accentuated.

If anything, Democrats think Bush has requested too little for operations in the two countries in the fiscal year starting Oct. 1 and predict the \$25 billion he requested for the latter months of this year will prove at least \$50 billion too low.

"No doubt, after the election the public will be told what the facts are on the installment plan" about Iraq spending, said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis. Obey voted for the bill.

While Bush wanted to decide exactly how his requested \$25 bit- lion for Iraq and Afghanistan would be spent, the House limited his control to \$1 billion of the money. The rest was assigned to \$2 specific accounts, such as \$674 million earmarked to provide armor for Humvee vehicles.

armor for Humvee vehicles.
Senators on Wednesday debated missile defense costs, additional U.S. troops for Colombia's drug war and whether the Bush administration should release more information on the Iraq campaign, as they attempted to finish a defense spending bill for the coming

But there were more than 30 amendments to the massive Pentagon authorization bill for fiscal 2005.

One amendment that passed

was from Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., that would provide SS million for research into efforts to prevent and treat leishmaniasis, a skin disease that has stricken 660 troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. Associated Press Writer Alan Fran and Stripes editor Pat Dickson contributed to this report.

# U.S. drops resolution to protect peacekeepers

By EDITH M. LEDERER The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Facing strong opposition, the United States announced Wednesday it was dropping a resolution seeking a new exemption for American peacekeepers from internation-

al prosecution for war crimes.

U.S. deputy ambassador James Cunningham made the announcement after a U.S. compromise that would limit the exemption to one final year failed to win support from key Security Council

Several council members said the abuse of Iraqi detainees by U.S. soldiers and Secretary-General Kofi Annan's opposition to renewing the exemption for a third year were factors in their refusal to back the compromise.

The current one-year exemption expires on June 30.

President Bush's administration argues that the International Criminal Court — which started operating last year — could be used for frivolous or politically motivated prosecutions of American troops.

The 94 countries that have ratified the 1998 Rome Treaty establishing the court maintain it contains enough safeguards to prevent frivolous prosecutions and insist that nobody should be exempt.

Cunningham stressed that the United States is "the largest contributor to global security and has special well-known interests in protecting our forces and our officials." "We believe that our draft and its predecessors concerns of all. Not all council members agree, however, and the United States has decided not to proceed further with consideration and action on the draft at this time in order to avoid a prolonged and divisive debate," he said after a closed council meeting.

When the court was established nearly two years ago, the United States threatened to end its involvement in far-flung peacekeeping operations established or authorized by the United Nations if it didn't get an exemption for American peacekeepers.

Cunningham refused to say what the United States would do when the next U.N. peacekeeping operation comes up for renewal in the Security Council.

In his statement, he said that "in the absence of a new resolution, the United States will need to take into account the risk of ICC (International Criminal Court) review when determining contributions to U.N. authorized or established opera-

Before the council meeting, Spain and China said they would abstain if the resolution was put to a vote and Philippines Ambassador Lauro Baja, the current council president, said he doubted that the United States had the minimum nine "yes" votes needed to adout it.

Last week, Annan — in a rare intervention urged the council not to renew the U.S. exemption, citing the Iraqi prisoner abuse and raising "serious doubts" about the legality of an exemption

# Serving, fighting and married in a war zone

### Two military couples say being together for Iraq duty makes marriage stronger

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someone I love.

I'm a little more

motivated to catch

these [bad guys].

About serving in Iraq with his wife

Spc. Cornelius Randolph

BY TERRY BOYD Stars and Stripe:

CAMP BLACK JACK, Iraq

n the modern Army, more and more husbands and wives are serving, and fighting, together.

Is it easier being together in a war

zone than leaving spouses behind for a one-year deployment? That's too simplis-tic, said two couples. Yes, they're together, but a marriage in a war zone is basically suspended. No overt

affection. No privacy. Certainly no intimacy. 44 "I've got someone

Experiencing what the war zone is really and spouse is doing in it, heightens some anxieties while alleviating About 10 percent of

the people in the active-duty Army were married to another soldier during fiscal 2002-2003, or about 50,000 out of 494,000,

said Cathy Gramling, an Army spokeswoman in Washington, Between 2000 and 2001. the number of dual Army families in creased to 11 percent from six percent, according to the Army Almanac

### The Randolphs

April 30 was the best day of Spc. Cornelius Randolph's young life. His wife, Spc. Ayesha Randolph, joined him at Camp Black Jack, near Baghdad International Airport, after surviving two months at Camp Cooke in Taii

At the time, Camp Cooke was getting



Spc. Ayesha Randolph and Spc. Cornelius Randolph are married and are serving in Iraq. The two 1st Cavalry Division soldiers were able to be closer to each other when her unit transferred to Camp Black Jack near Baghdad.

mortared every day. Four Arkansas National Guard soldiers were killed in an April 24

Things were so bad "they didn't have ice because they had to use it to keep the bod-ies," Cornelius Randolph said.

Suddenly, the two 1st Cavalry Division soldiers were together when her unit, 27th Main Support Battalion, transferred to Black Jack. "It was just a big relief to know she's here. That I'm able to see her and know she's all right," Cornelius Randolph

Living at Black Jack with only sporadic rocket and mortar attacks "is 200 times bet-ter" than Taji, Ayesha Randolph says.

Cornelius Randolph 19, of Lynchburg, Va., is a M240B gunner with 1st Platoon, Troop D scouts, part of the 1st Cav's 9th Cavalry Regiment. Ayesha Randolph, 20, of Dallas, is a supply soldier with 27th Forward Sup-

port Battalion

His wife's arrival completed his world. Cornelius Randolph said. "My wife, myself and my boys, right

here Cornelius Randolph is conscious of not flaunting their relationship in front of his brothers in arms, who are desperately missing their wives. That said, he never thought he'd be in a place where people

could tell him what he could and couldn't do with his own wife. Brought together by the Army, the Randolphs say they are a case of opposites at-tracting. They laugh about not liking each

other much when they met two years ago at a 1st Cav dining facility at Fort Hood, Texas.

"I'm more country, she's more Cornelius Randolph

He draws a direct link between his job and his wife.

"I've got someone right here to protect, someone I love. I'm a little more motivated to catch these [bad guys]," Cornelius Randolph said.

Out in small teams at night, hunting down the enemy, "he has an extra dangerous job." Avesha Randolph said. But danger doesn't respect gender; she risked her life

very time she visited him. On one trip, a woman dropped a bomb-laden purse off an overpass, Ayesha Randolph said. On another, two madside bombs exploded, damaging an M-113 personnel carrier

and a civilian car During her return trips, all he could think about was, "'Did she make it back?' "Cornelius Randolnh said

All things considered, being at war together is making their marriage stronger, the couple said. They don't waste time arguing, Cornelius Randolph said

After all, the little tests life throws at you pale in comparison to coping with being in a war zone, he

"If we can make it through this together, we should be able to make it through life," he said.



catching a glimpse of a person a little different than the one they thought they knew all these years. They say they savor the luck of being together.

### The Fauvells

Tom and Heather Fauvell grew up together. They've known each other since the fourth or fifth grade, when their families lived a block apart in their central Long Island, N.Y., suburb.

They even went to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point together. Now, Capt. Tom Fauvell, 26, 2nd Bri

gade utility project manager, and 1st Lt. Heather Fauvell, 25, engineer brigade adjutant, are at war together, assigned to the

For the Fauvells, being married in a war 44 We have it better zone means catching an occasional glimpse than we expected of a person a little difto have it. We try ferent than the one they thought they to keep our knew all these years. Heather Fauvell perspective.

sees a man energized 1st Lt. Heather Fauvell by a daunting mission who goes from a re-laxed, family-oriented "to a motivated.

Tom Fauvell likes seeing the ultra-organized officer to whom superiors go for ad-

hard-charging guy.

Tom Fauvell's job is especially hazard-us — he's outside the wire every day, working on utility projects around northwest Baghdad

Sometime during the last five months, he said he realized it's not about enhancing his officer efficiency report, but about make ing a difference.

'It tugs at your heart strings, drives you

to do a better job," he said.

Heather Fauvell's attitude toward seeing her husband go out on missions is noncha-

"I don't think anything he tells me is going to shock me," she said. "He comes back one day after being shot at and tells me what happened ... and I said, 'Oh, real-ly?! Well, I'm glad you're back.'"

Part of it is that she is a tough, gregarious personality who takes pride in staying un-tempo. She's the one who went to air-as-

"I'm the queasy ne." Tom Fauvell one, With

Army-mandated pla-tonic relationship, "it's kind of like being teenagers again ... a bunch of friends hanging out," Heather Fauvellsaid. "I laugh all the time.

Laughing "keeps us sane," she said. The Fauvells

they talk often about the future, about family and travel "We crave the future normalcy of life."

About serving in Iraq

with her husband

Heather said

But being in Iraq together is not that

For the moment, they're savoring their luck of being together.

"We have it better than we expected to have it," Heather Fauvell said. "We try to keep our perspective."

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# Lawyer's resignation delays hearing in Iraq abuse case

BY ESTES THOMPSON

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, North Carolina A three-week delay in the mili-

tary court hearing for a soldier seen in some of the most no-



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lawvers. Rose Mary Zapor said Tuesday in an e-mail that she left Pfc. Lynndie England's defense team Monday because of unspecified health problems suffered by her

The hearing, scheduled to begin Tuesday at Fort Bragg, was postponed Monday to July 12, initially without explanation. The Aricle 32 hearing, the military equivalent of a grand jury proceeding, will determine if a court-martial

Last month, lawver Giorgio Ra'Shadd left England's defense team by mutual agreement with her family after it was revealed he faces a September trial in Colorado that could result in his dis-

The lawyers in the case are all volunteers

England, an Army reservist from West Virginia, was photographed holding a naked Iraqi prisoner by a leash and smiling and giving the thumbs-up in other pictures taken at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison.

England's lawyers are expect-

ed to argue that the 21-year-old only posed in the photos on specific orders from people higher-up in the chain of command.

England faces 13 counts, including three of assaulting detainees If convicted on all counts, she faces a dishonorable discharge

and up to 151/2 years in prison. England is one of six soldiers who still face charges in the scan-dal; Spc. Jeremy C. Sivits has al-

ready pleaded guilty and been sentenced to a year in prison. In an interview broadcast by NBC television, England said if she had it to do all over she would

"go back in time and not join the Army

"I just want to go home, get it over with." she said. England also said she does not

believe she should go to jail: think that none of the seven of us should?

### Constantly on alert



Marine Staff Sgt. Jerome Stockwell, 29, of Milwaukee, Wis., and the 467th Heavy Marine Helicopter Squadron mans the 50-caliber gun aboard a CH-53 helicopter on June 15 during a flight near the Iraq-Syria border.

### Finding qualified interpreter difficult

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - A U.S. military lawyer representing a terror suspect at Guantanamo Bay, months because of delays getting security clearance for an interpreter.

The attorney, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Philip Sundel, said Tuesday there are few qualified candidates, and that the approval process for his choice - a German woman fluent in Arabic - is moving at "a glacial pace.

"It's a disservice to justice, and it's clearly a disservice to our client," said Sundel, a lawver for Ali Hamza Ahmed Sulayman al Bahlul

Al Bahlul is charged with conspiracy to commit war crimes and could face life in prison if convicted by a tribunal. The United States says he was a bodyguard for Osama bin Laden and an al-Oaida propagandist who produced videos glorifying the killing

Navy Lt. Susan McGarvey, a military spokeswoman, said officials have made it clear that the chances of approval are slim. She said Sundel should try to find a U.S. citizen

"It is possible for a foreign national to qualify for a clearance. However, it's very rare," McGarvey said. "It's very unlikely that she would end up getting a clearance

From The Associated Press

### U.S. deaths in Iraq have been wounded in hostile

tally

the military:

As of Tuesday, 840 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, accordng to the Defense Department. Of those, 620 died as a result of hostile action and 220 died of non-hostile causes

The British military has re-ported 58 deaths. Italy has reported 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four: Slovakia, three Thailand, two. Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 702 U.S. servicemembers have died - 511 as a result of hostile action and 191 of non-hostile causes, according to

the military as of Tuesday. Since the March 2003 start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 5.271 U.S. servicemembers

■ Army Staff Sgt. Gregory V. Pennington, 36, Glade Spring, Va.; died Monday in Baghdad when his camp was attacked; assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division Fort Hood Texas Three Marines died Monday

action, according to the De-fense Department's weekly

The latest deaths reported by

■ Two U.S. soldiers were

killed Tuesday in an attack on

their convoy near Balad. The latest identifications re-

ported by the military:

in an attack in Ramadi; assigned to 2nd Battalion 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.: ■ Marine Lance Cpl. Deshon

E. Otey, 24, of Hardin, Ky.

Marine Cpl. Tommy L. Parker Jr., 21, of Cleburne, Ark.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Pedro Contreras, 27, Harris, Texas





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# Hanau mourns GI killed in Iraq mortar attack

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY Stars and Stripes

HANAU, Germany - Two months into its deployment, the 127th Military Police Company lost its first soldier in combat last



wasn't a cop on natrol in some tempestuous Iraqi town. And he wasn't killed while pulling guard duty in a volatile neighborhood

No. Spc. Thai Vue was a mechanic who crawled under a Humvee to fix it and never got the chance to tighten the last bolt. On Friday, while Vue was on his back, Iraqi insurgents fired several mortar rounds at a base camp occupied by his company. One round landed near Vue, killing him.

"He was always doing his

duty," said Pfc. Andre Gonzales, a 23-year-old military policeman who knew Vue. "He never asked for much."

Perhaps that's because Vue didn't have much to begin with, having been born in a Vietnamese refugee camp somewhere in the Philippines. What he did have Gonzales and others said were parents determined to do whatever they had to do to give their six children a better life. Vue was third oldest.

Vue, whose family settled in California, "was a quiet professional," said 1st Sgt. Mark E. Porrett, the company's ranking noncommissioned officer. "He never wanted the limelight. It always found him."

Asked to explain, Porrett said Vue often wound up taking or getting the toughest jobs - and then he would shine and get noticed.

Mechanics "are our guardian angels," Gonzales said outside the chapel after the service concluded, "because they keep our vehicles mission ready.



KEVIN DOUGHERTY/Stars and Stripes

First Sgt. Mark E. Porrett kneels and reflects on the loss of Spc. Thai Vue, whom he described as "a true patriot and warrior." Scores of soldiers from Hanau, Germany, paid tribute to Vue, a mechanic who died last week from injuries he sustained in a mortar attack near Baghdad.

That may not sound like a big and others in his profession take great pride in keeping "their" madeal, but in Iraq, lives count on it. Like an aircraft mechanic, Vue chines functioning as flawlessly

"Every job matters." Chaplain (Capt.) Stanton Trotter said at the

The turnout at Vue's memorial service Wednesday showed he mattered a whole lot, too, The chapel on Fliegerhorst Casern was filled with MPs and members of the community, many standing shoulder-to-shoulder as Trotter, Gonzales and Snc. Randall Love spoke of Vue.

Vue, 22, was one of six mechanics sent to Iraq to support the 150-member contingent.

"Tell the stories [about Vue]," Trotter said. "His life doesn't have to completely end right now

After the service, Gonzales spun a story or two about his friend. A popular one involved a huge wrench Vue used to sometimes walk around with.

"As far as I know." Gonzales said, "nobody knew what it was for. But he was the go-to guy. He was definitely held in high regard."

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NATO live-flying exercise

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany - Several Spangdahlem Air Base squadrons are taking part in NATO exercise Clean Hunter 2004 in the skies over western Europe, a news release said.

The live-flying exercise began June 12 and continues through Friday The 23rd Fighter Squadron is practic-

ing suppression of enemy air defenses, surface attack tactics and offensive counter air missions.

Last week, the 22nd Fighter Squadron flew 24 sorties a day practicing the same tactics. Squadron members also helped plan the missions and provided aircrew life support.

In addition, 45 members of the 606th Air

Control Squadron convoved to Schönwalde and Messtetten, Germany, with mobile air control equipment to provide satellite communication links for the exercise's Combined Air Operations Center.

Headquarters Allied Air Forces North and air forces from Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States are taking part

### Mission Support Awards

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany - U.S. Air Forces in Europe has announced the winners of the 2003 Mission Support Awards, a news release said.

They are:

Outstanding Personnel Manager of the Year Award, base level-senior manage er: Maj. Steven Johnson, Spangdahlem Air Base Germany

- Outstanding Personnel Manager of the Year Award, unit level-personnel man-
- ager: Capt. Jessica Pinto, Spangdahlem.

  Air Force Education and Training Manager, Dr. Edwin C. Peterson Award (headquarters level/noncommissioned officer: Staff Sgt. Angenette Caballero, Ram-
- stein Air Base, Germany.

  Civilian Personnel Officer (GS-13): Veronica E. Hinton, Incirlik Air Base, Tur-
- Intermediate Program Manager/Specialist (GS-12): Lisa Armes, Incirlik.
- Senior Family Support Center/Family Readiness Unice Inc. Sgt. William Stephenson, Incirlik. Readiness Office Individual: Master

- Enlisted Professional Military Education Achievement Award, NCO Academy Instructor: Tech. Sgt. Sharon Forbes, Kapaun Air Station, Germany.
- EPME Achievement Award, Enlisted PME Manager: Master Sgt. Lorna De La Cruz. Kanaun.
- De La Cruz was also selected as the Chief Master Sergeant Annual EPME Award Winner and will be recognized at the Air Force honors banquet held in conjunction with the August 2004 Air Force Sergeant's Association International Convention in Columbus, Ohio.
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# **AWACS** to patrol skies over Portugal

# NATO planes to provide aerial security for soccer championships

BY WARD SANDERSON Stars and Stripe:

As soccer hordes in Portugal get ecstatic, anarchic or off-the-rails crazy for the Euro 2004 soccer championships, an electronic eye scans the skies

It doesn't monitor goal attacks by players on the pitch, or even broken-glass at-tacks by hooligans in the parking lot. Instead, the Airborne Warning and Control System planes, or AWACS, monitor airspace with radar superior to that of ground stations to detect terrorist attacks.

NATO is providing the surveillance at the request of Portugal, one in a series of such missions. The alliance conducted sim ilar flights over Salt Lake City during the 2002 Winter Olympics, and will fly them this summer over Athens, Greece, during the summer games. It flew them over the wedding of Spain's Crown Prince Felipe in May, and will fly them over the NATO summit next week in Istanbul, Turkey. It also flies them over European Union or other international summits.

The novelty of all this is that instead of snooping for the first signs of a Soviet air armada or missile strikes. AWACS now sniff for hijacked airliners or anything else suspicious - and they're doing so over large international events rather than tradi tional military targets or frontiers. NATO is fixed on finding new ways to use tradi-tional technology to fight faceless enemies who hunt civilians

According to James Appathurai, the NATO spokesman, alliance officials are planning to come up with new guidance on just how to use the AWACS fleet outside of the traditional role of collective defense

"Fighting terrorism is the order of the day, and all of our military assets are in various stages of trying to come to grips with the new mission," said Steve Aftergood, an intelligence expert with the Federation of American Scientists in Washington, D.C.

"To some extent, it serves a deterrent purpose by sending a message to terrorist planners that these high-profile targets are not unprotected

Aftergood said the ultimate effectiveness of AWACS against terrorism, though, is unproved.

"The truth is we don't even have a clear notion of the threat," Aftergood said. "What is the likelihood of an attack from the air? We still don't have a clear reading

For its part, the alliance is pledged to provide the air envelope to member states when asked, within reason. One NATO official joked that if someone were to throw a big enough barbecue, AWACS would fly over it, too

"It's hard to say [it's a] trend just yet, but it does say that these kinds of deployments seem to be on the rise," said Appathurai, the NATO spokesman in Brussels, Bel-



NATO's airborne warning and control system planes, or AWACS, are providing surveillance at the Euro 2004 soccer tournament in Portugal at Portugal's request. It is one of several missions that NATO is conducting with its fleet headquartered in Geilenkirchen, Germany.

He said that the alliance aims to be as enerous as possible with its fleet of 17 E-3As headquartered in Geilenkirchen Germany, but that it can't fly it endlessly or willy-nilly

"Euro 2004 is certainly a long engagement, and we have to look at how we use these assets," he said. The tournament began June 12 and continues through July

Though officials are trying to figure out iust how to use the AWACS in the new millennium, there is no time line yet to publish the guidance. "There's no urgency." Appathurai said. "These assets are of course available "

It's available because the AWACS fleet is unique in that the alliance actually owns it, as opposed to borrowing it from member states. The NATO planes flew to Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., in 2001 to conduct counterterrorism missions and free up American aircraft for operations in Afghan istan - sort of an inaugural AWACS flight into the war on terror.

The system reportedly has a radar range of more than 200 miles for low-flying aircraft and even greater range for targets at higher altitudes.

House hears arguments for Reserve aid

Whatever its strategic capabilities, the idea of such precautions is welcomed by those organizing, and participating in, large public events

"It's something that gives our athletes great peace of mind," said Darryl Seibel, spokesman for the U.S. Olympic Commit-tee in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"When you look at Athens, we feel it's the most comprehensive security plan that we've ever seen. The organizing commit-tee is going to unprecedented lengths to make sure the games are safe and secure for athletes from every nation.'

Seibel said that in addition to the aerial support, some 70,000 security personnel will guard the games - about seven guards per athlete.

While welcomed by organizers, militaristic security may be less appealing to the general public.

"It could work both ways," said Aftergood, the intelligence expert. "It could project preparedness and strength, or it could provoke anxiety. Do I really want to go to a sporting event where advanced military defense are required? Maybe not."

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### BY PATRICK DICKSON Stars and Strines

WASHINGTON - A movement to get all 50 states to enact financial aid measures for Guardsmen and reservists called to active duty got a boost Wednesday when one of its key proponents testified before Congress

Illinois Lt. Gov. Pat Ouinn was among the first to propose a "Military Family Relief Trust Fund" which was signed into law in February 2003.

Since then the state "has paid out \$1.3 million to 2,500 families so far," Quinn said in a Tuesday telephone interview With more than 150,000 Guard

and Reserve members activated in the war on terrorism, the House Committee on Veterans held the hearing to examine federal laws protecting those servicemembers' legal, financial and job rights while they are away and

In addition to any federal efforts, 13 states are pursuing legislation [see box].

when they return.

Quinn and others want laws such as those that would prevent schools from charging out-of-district rates for children who have moved in with caregivers when a parent, perhaps a single parent, is called up.

He also is pursuing a public education campaign, citing abuses by employers who are unaware of the law, or unwilling to follow it.

"We want to make sure shop foremen, line supervisors and others understand that when one of their employees is called up, when they come back, they have a job" or are not otherwise penalized. Quinn said.

He cited the town of Rockton. Ill., which has terminated Spc. Jeremiah Johnson of the 333rd Military Police Co., serving in

"The intend to test the law, Ouinn said. "We've called the mayor, the City Council, the police chief ... we've asked them repeatedly to comply with state and federal law," he said. The Illinois attorney general has filed suit on behalf of Johnson

But the focus is on the trust funds, Ouinn said.

"You're always going to have a situation where [a deploying reservist's] pay is reduced. Our concept in Illinois is that this is a token of appreciation," he said.
"Anyone can apply for a \$500
grant, and if there's a hardship your gas is turned off, you're defaulting on the mortgage - then we can give you as much as \$2,000."

### **MILITARY RELIEF BILLS ACROSS U.S** CALIFORNIA: Bill 1928 passed the House and went to the Senate. On

May 13, the bill was referred to the Revenue and Taxation Committee. The original bill was amended to exclude the Reserve. Passed out of Revenue and Taxation on June 9 and referred to appropriations. Appropria-tions hearing date is Monday. CONNECTICUT: Raised Bill 317 establishes the Connecticut National

Guard Relief Account, and places a check-off on tax return. On March 9 the bill was referred to appropriations committee.

IOWA: Senate file 428 and House file 522 are both in committee.

MAINE: Bill has passed both the House and Senate and was signed by

the governor on May 11.

MISSOURI: SB.1336 passed the Senate and is in the House.

MICHIGAN: Introduced HB.5953 in the House, was to go to committee on Tuesday

MINNESOTA: House Bill HF.2817 was introduced March 8 to establish a tax check-off to fund grants for National Guard and Reserve called to active duty. Bill referred to Committee on Taxes. March 10. NEW YORK: Sen. Larkin introduced S.6627 with 22 co-sponsors in the

Senate. Referred to Committee on Rules. House bill has passed. NORTH CAROLINA: House bill 1481 to establish tax check-off box to fund Soldiers and Airmen Assistance Fund. Referred to Rules committee

PENNSVI.VANIA: HB 2509 introduced in the House and referred to

RHODE ISLAND: Bill H.7834 has passed out of the House SOUTH CAROLINA: Bill S0767 Passed the Senate and House

WYOMING: SF.0059 was signed by the governor on March 9. Wyoming has paid out \$35,000 to 15 families as of June 8

Source: Office of Illinois Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn. Status is as of Tuesday.

Quinn quotes Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address when pushing legislation: "[L]et us strive on ... to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and orphan."

Servicemembers and concerned citizens can go to www. operationhomefront.org for more information.

# S. Africa medical exercise draws 200 troops

BY RON JENSEN Stars and Stripes

RAF MILDENHALL, England - The Third Air Force will lead more than 200 U.S. military members - most from bases in Eu-- to South Africa next month to provide medical care in remote villages and share knowledge with their South African mil-

itary counterparts. The evercise which will start shortly after July 4 and last about two weeks, will include personnel from Lajes Field in the Azores, Ramstein and Spangdahlem air bases in Germany, Aviano Air Base and Caserma Ederle in Italy, and RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall in England. It will also have a few dozen reserve and Air National Guard members from the States.

Third Air Force headquarters is at RAF Mildenhall.

Doctors will provide medical care to people at remote clinics, while civil engineers repair faulty plumbing and install better electrical systems, among other projects, at the clinics.

At the same time, U.S. and

# U.S., host nation forces plan to share skills, care for patients in remote areas

will test their ability to respond together to an emergency. In this case, the scenario involves a major flood that has overtaxed the capabilities of South Africa. leading it to request U.S. help.

"We will be working side-by-side with the South African military," said Col. Russell Richardson, director of logistics for Third Air Force and the ranking ILS officer on the evercise

Capt. Greg Ready, a medical planner for Third Air Force said every aspect of the exercise, from public affairs to transportation to medical, will be duplicated by the Americans and the host nation.

"There's not a single aspect that's going to be only South African or only U.S.," said Ready, who has traveled to the country several times in the run-up to the

The exercise will conclude

with a mass-casualty drill. The scenario for that will be the crash of an airplane carrying flood refugees from the area

"That's the crux of the exer-se," Ready said. "That will show how much we've learned those first 14 days."

Dr. (Lt. Col.) Brian Affleck, deputy commander of the 48th Medical Operations Squadron at RAF Lakenheath, said South African health care is first rate, but the villages that will receive help are remote, and the clinics are sometimes staffed only by a nurse or two. At one clinic, he said, a nurse and two nurses-in-training care for the health needs of 80,000 peo-

While U.S. doctors will provide everything from dental care to eyeglasses, they also will learn from these overworked nurses who have expertise in such things as tuberculosis and malaria because they see them so often.

train us and make us smarter, said Affleck, who also has visited the area to prepare for the exer-

Working with the American medics will be members of the South African military medical services. They will send a contingent that will mirror the Ameri-

can one, Affleck said

"It's going to double our ef-forts," he said. Plus, he said the South African doctors will train the Americans on such things as sub-Saharan diseases, while the Americans teach them more about surgeries required after combat.

Also, he said, his hospital will send a deployable hospital, which will be set up at the South African air force base at Hoedspruit.

"When it comes to deployable medicine, the Air Force is in the lead," he said



The equipment is lighter and takes less time to set up then that used by the other services, Af-fleck said. Therefore, medical people from the Navy and Army will be on hand to observe how the deployable hospital is used.

Ready said the goal of the exercise is to develop a working relationship with a country in the Third Air Force area of responsibility. If the need arises for real in the future, he saw, .... familiar to one another. "This is

why I came to Third Air Force.

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### Rota holds 'safety stand down' in wake of deadly car accident

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Strines

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain — Military personnel in Rota held a "safety stand down" Wednesday to discuss safety and alcohol abuse less than a week after a sailor from the base was killed in a car accident.

The naval station's safety office, security and the staff judge advocate led presentations in the base theater

Navy Capt. John Orem, commander of U.S. forces in Rota, ordered servicemembers to stand down after this past weekend's fatal accident, base spokeswoman Lt. Allie Freeman said.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Timothy H. Sporleder, who was as-signed to the base's Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Unit, died around midnight Friday when he rolled the car he was driving on A-491 between Rota and Chipiona. Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew S. Hays, a passenger in the car, remains hospitalized with a spinal fracture at a hospital in

Spanish authorities are investi-

The base will hold a memorial service for Sporleder on Friday beginning at 9 a.m. in the chapel.

accident in Rota is one of several serious accidents involving U.S. Navy sailors in Europe this month. On June 12, three sailors from Naples, Italy, were killed and two others were seriously burned in an automobile crash on a main highway near the city.

gating the incident.

# According to Navy officials, the

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### Rare funnel cloud affects Ramstein flights

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany - Air Force weather operators observed a rare phenomenon Tuesday, when a funnel cloud formed northeast of Ramstein Air Base.

The funnel cloud was first sighted at 6:20 p.m. about seven miles above the hills of Mehlingen, said Capt. Cassandra Troup, a weatharove the limis of interiments, said capt. Cassandra Troup, a weather officer with the 86th Operations Support Squadron. The funnel cloud did not touch down, Troup said.

Such "cold-air funnels" are formed when air at higher elevations

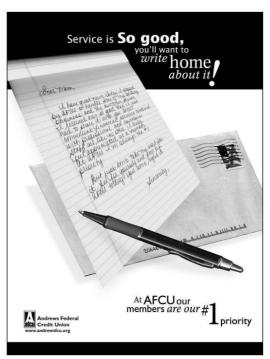
is much colder than air at lower levels, Troup said.

"They rarely touch down, but if they do, they can cause damage," Troup said.

The funnel cloud prompted aircraft approaching Ramstein to land from the south instead of the north, but did not otherwise affect operations, Ramstein spokesman 1st Lt. Tracy Giles said. Blustery conditions continued on Wednesday. Troup said weath-

er airmen had put out an advisory about 25-knot winds and low-level wind shears. Some aircraft maintenance work was on hold because it would be unsafe, for example, to put a plane up on a iack in the high winds.

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### IN THE WORLD

# S. Americans set to take over Haiti peacekeeping job

BY ADAM RANEY

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — South American countries are taking on a new role as the vanguard of a new U.N. stabilization force in Haiti, and Pvt. Hernan Veron knows the world will be watching.

The 21-year-old army radio operator is one of more than 600 Argentine troops waiting to ship out for Haiti as part of a United Nations peacekeeping mission that will be dominated by South Americans, a new role for their militaries.

"Everybody will be watching to see we do the job right," Veron said during training in Buenos Aires.

The Argentines will work with Brazilian troops leading the force in Haiti. Paraguayans, Chileans and Uruguayans are also expected to take part, along with a smattering of troops and military police from China, Nepal and Rwanda.

Analysts say the large presence is part of South American leaders' efforts to take larger roles in U.N. and multilateral operations. It's also a bid to show less dependence on Washington in resolving regional crises, Argentine political analyst Rosendo Fraga said.

"These countries [are] assuming responsibility for Latin America without waiting for solutions that only come from the U.S.," he said.

The peacekeeping missions also give countries like Argentina and Chile a chance to boost their militaries' democratic credentials only years after authoritarian rule

dentials only years after authoritarian rule.

"Missions like this one offer these countries an opportunity to give the military a facelift. It shows that they can cooperate at an international level," Jennifer Leight of the Washing-

ton-based Council on Hemispheric Affairs said.
Argentina was ruled by a right-wing military junta from 1976
until 1983 and Chile was led by Gen. Augusto Pinochet from
September 1972 until 1990. A military dictatorship ran Brazil
from 1964-1985.



Argentine army soldiers train in the outskirts of Buenos Aires on Wednesday. More than 600 Argentine troops are waiting to ship out for Haiti as part of a U.N. peacekeeping mission dominated by South Americans taking shape there.

The Brazilians will take formal command on Friday from a U.S.-led multinational force. Only a few Americans will stay on.

Veron and his fellow soldiers spent the past weeks at the Campo de Mayo base northwest of Buenos Aires conducting mock patrols and disarmament drills. Trying to disarm politically allied factions will be one of its main challenges.

The turnultuous Caribbean nation still is on edge nearly four months after President Jean-Bertrand Aristide fled as rebels overwhelmed several cities and threatened to attack the capital

Veron and other Argentines have studied Haitian Creole and were issued cards with basic phrases.

The 3,600-strong U.S.-led force is ceding responsibility to a U.N. force, which is expected to grow to 6,700 peacekeepers and more than 1,000 international police.

Some Haitians have welcomed the idea of Latin Americans taking over. They say the South American countries' soccer prowess makes them instantly popular in a country where the sport is popular.

"Haitians love Argentines and Brazilians. These are the two teams they love in Haiti," said one Haitian housewife, Eluie Jules, 43.

# British rail operator acts to block strike

The Associated Press

LONDON — A British rail operator launched legal action Wednesday in a bid to block a 24-hour strike by its workers next week.

Network Rail applied to the High Court for an injunction against the Rail Maritime and Transport union to halt the planned walkout, which is due begin at 6:30 p.m. on June 29.

The union called the strike after it failed to come to an agreement with Network Rail over a pay dispute. The 7,500 Network Rail workers are due to be joined in the industrial action by an equal number of workers on the capital's subway system, who are in a separate pay dispute with London Underground.

A combined strike would affect millions of commuters and travelers.

The court claim lodged Wednesday applies only to a rail strike, not to the London Underground.

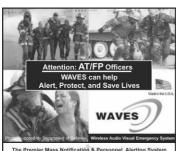
Network Rail claimed in its application to the court that the union had provided "inaccurate and deficient" about the strike vote by mem-

It alleged that union members were listed as being based in locations which had closed or were unknown, including a signal box that was shut down 25 years ago.

"We have taken this action to prevent passengers and freight customers from suffering the consequences of this unnecessary and potentially damaging strike," Network Rail said. "We have a duty to keep trains running."

The union said it would "vigorously defend" its balloting procedures and, in the case of a successful challenge by Network Rail, would hold another yet.

The legal challenge is expected to be heard by a judge in London within the next three days.



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# White House backs away from war torture memo

### White House releases mass of internal correspondence to show abuse not ordered

BY MATT KELLEY The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government laid out its legal reasoning for denying terror war suspects the protections of international humanitarian law but immediately repudiated a key memo arguing that torture might be justified in the fight against al-Qaida

The release Tuesday of hundreds of pages of internal memos by the White House was meant to blunt criticism that President Bush had laid the groundwork for the abuses of Iraqi prisoners by condoning torture. The president insisted Tuesday: "I have never ordered torture

But critics said the developments left unresolved some ques-tions about his administration's current guidelines for interrogating prisoners in Iraq and around the world. For example, a 2002 order signed by Bush says the president reserves the right to suspend the Geneva Conventions on treatment of prisoners of war at any time.

"These documents raise more questions than they answer," said Charles Schumer, a Democratic senator from New York. "The White House is better off coming clean and releasing all relevant and nonclassified documents."

The White House released

memos from the U.S. Defense De-

partment detailing some of the harsh interrogation methods approved — and then rescinded by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld in 2002 and 2003. The administration continues to refuse to say what interrogation

methods are approved now. Six American soldiers face criminal charges for abusing and humiliating Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib complex near Bagh-dad. Another soldier pleaded guilty and received a one-year prison term.

The U.S. Justice Department has filed criminal assault charges against a contract CIA interrogator, accusing him of beating a prisoner in Afghanistan who later

An Aug. 1, 2002, Justice Department memo argues that torture

— and even deliberate killing of prisoners in the terror war could be justified as necessary to protect the United States. The memo from then-assistant attorney general Jay Bybee also offers a restricted definition of torture, saying only actions that cause se-vere pain akin to organ failure would be torture.

Bybee now is a justice on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Department Justice backed away from Bybee's memo Tuesday.

Senior department officials who spoke on condition of anonymity said the memo would be rewritten because it contains advice that is too broad and irrelevant. The officials, who briefed several reporters in a widely publicized news conference, said department policy allowed them to demand anonymity.

The White House also released documents detailing some of the most harsh interrogation methods Rumsfeld approved for use on prisoners at the lockup at the IIS naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Rumsfeld's November 2002 memo approved methods which apparently would violate Geneva

Convention rules, including: ■ Putting detainees in "stress positions," such as standing, for up to four hours.

■ Removing prisoners' clothes ■ Intimidating detainees with

■ Interrogating prisoners for

20 hours at a time.

Less than two months later, on Jan. 15, 2003, Rumsfeld rescinded approval for those methods without saying why. He appointed a Pentagon panel to recommend proper interrogation meth-

That panel reported to Rums-feld in April 2003, and its recom-mendations included prohibiting the removal of clothes, which it said could be considered inhumane treatment under interna-tional law. Rumsfeld issued a new of approved interrogation





Secretary of State

methods later that month, disallowing nakedness and requiring approval for four techniques: use of rewards or removal of privileges; verbally attacking or insulting the ego of a detainee; alternating friendly and unfriendly interrogators in a "good cop, bad cop" method: and isolation.

Associated Press writers Curt Anderson, Robert Burns and Scott Lindlaw contributed to this report.

### Four more airlines gave data to government

BY LESLIE MILLER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - More airlines than previously disclosed gave personal data on passengers to the government for testing a computerized background-check project, acting Transportation Se-Administration chief David Stone said Wednesday

Passenger data was obtained from at least two computerized reservation systems, Sabre and Galileo International, and from four more airlines than previous ly revealed: Delta, Continental Airlines, America West Airlines and Frontier Airlines, Stone said.

His testimony came during a confirmation hearing by the Sen-ate Governmental Affairs Committee on his nomination as TSA administrator.
The data — known as passen-

ger name records, or PNR - include credit card numbers, travel reservation information, address, telephone number and meal requests, which can indicate a passenger's religion or ethnicity.

In all but one case, the data was intended for testing an anti-terror ism project that would use personal information to assign threat levels to all airline passengers.

Privacy advocates, meanwhile, promptly called for a congressional investigation.

"There was a massive amount of passenger data secretly provided to the government, and in many cases, the disclosures also violated privacy assurances the airlines had given to their passengers," said David Sobel, general counsel for the Electronic Privacy Information Center, a privacy





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# A spud Atkins would love

### Florida growers to market low-carb potato next year

BY RON WORD The Associated Press

SPUDS, Fla. - For dieters, potatoes have been scorned, rejected and castigated - the Rodney Dangerfield of vegetables, they get no respect

Many weight-loss programs, including the Atkins and the South Beach diets, advocate meat and cheese over high-carbohydrate potatoes, pasta and bread.

Come January, carb-counters who love potatoes may find cause to rejoice a bit. Florida growers will be pitching a potato they hope will be a hot one — it claims one-third fewer carbs than the ordinary spud

"Consumers are going to love the flavor and appearance of this potato and the fact that it has 30 per cent fewer carbohydrates compared to a standard Russet baking potato," said Chad Hutchinson, an assistant professor of horticulture at University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

After five years of testing in the sandy soils near the heart of Florida's potato country, Hutchinson knew it tasted great, had a shorter growing cycle, was disease-resistant and able to handle Florida's extreme weather. He then learned about its lower-carb properties.

"That was just gravy," he said.

Independent research shows about 31/2 ounces of the new potato contain about 13 grams of carbohydrate compared to around 19 grams in the same size serving of a Russet Burbank



And still OK to cover in cheese and bacon bits: The new low-carb potato is about to arrive. "Consumers are going to love the flavor," said Chad Hutchinson, assistant professor with the University of Florida's Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences.

The new baseball-size potato will be available in supermarkets and restaurants in January. There is no word on how much it will cost.

Linda McCashion, who represents the National Potato Promotion Board, which has launched a \$4.5 million campaign marketing the spud's nutritional value, said the board is pleased there are new varieties being developed.

She noted that an average potato contains only 100 calories, has no fat, is low in sodium and high in notassium, plus has some dietary fiber. It also has vitamins C and B-6.

# EPA reports toxic pollution reverses trend, rises in '02

BY JOHN HEILPRIN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON chemical releases into the envi-ronment rose 5 percent in 2002, marking only the second such increase reported by the Environmental Protection Agency in nearly two decades, and the first since 1997.

Figures also show that Hous ton area refineries and petro-chemical plants release three times more toxic air pollution than they report to the federal government

Nationwide, some 4.79 billion pounds of toxic chemicals were released in 2002, the latest for which figures are available, not including releases from metal mining, the EPA reports. The agency stopped including that data because of a recent court

The increase reversed a recent trend, and was a big turnind from last year's report by EPA that chemical releases in 2001 had declined 13 percent from a year earlier.

Kimberly Terese Nelson, the EPA's chief information officer,

blamed the "extraordinarily on the 1999 shut down of BHP Copper Co.'s San Manuel plant in Tucson, Ariz., where 2,000 people worked. Dismantling a plant turns compo-nents and product into waste.

"If we were take that one facility out, we would see a 3 percent decrease," Nelson said Tuesday of the releases of 650 chemicals by 24,379 facilities that EPA

EPA spokeswoman Cynthia Bergman said EPA's annual Toxics Release Inventory begun under a 1986 law wasn't meant to be all-inclusive of all types of emissions and chemicals. She called it "one of just several tools" for informing the public

on that pollution. EPA figures show 1997 was the only other year with an in-crease, 6 percent, in the several billion pounds of pollution al-lowed yearly into the air, water and ground in the United States.

Even so, a study by two environmental groups said EPA was underreporting the air pollution portion of releases of chemicals and emissions by 330 million pounds a year.

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### Bush needs our support

I am a 12-year-old girl, living overseas, who has an opinion about President Bush While I don't really like the guy all that much — and I understand why others don't as well — I don't understand why ev-

eryone is continuously bashing him. Didn't people choose him to be the one to make our country's decisions? Wasn't he elected to be our leader and command-

Why then are they making a big deal about his decision to go to war? I'm sure there are many more reasons that are undisclosed, and although I agree that we should know about them, I'm sure Mr. Bush didn't just roll out of bed and decide

to send troops to the Middle East. It is really easy for all those people to sit there and bash the president, but my ques-tion to them is: Did you ever think about what you would do in his shoes? Being the president isn't an easy job, and Bush didn't ask for any of this to happen.

I'm sure that if he (or anyone for that matter) would have known that he would have to lead the country into war and take all the garbage people are giving him, his outlook on running for president would have been different

I'm not saying that I agree with all that he has done, and if I was in his position I may have done some things differently. But the American people voted him to be their leader and that is what he is trying to

The point I'm trying to get across is, Americans chose Bush for president, and even though we may not agree with all that he has done, people need to try to understand the stress that he is experiencing and support whatever he decides

Alyssa Howell

### Mannheim Germany Tell terror victims' stories

I find it extremely sad and disheartening when people such as Bill Clinton and Michael Moore occupy the news more than the two men who were murdered by terrorists

Their scenario is one we don't wish to think about but one that needs to be considered. The sheer terror and extreme fear they surely felt is unimaginable. They died very scared and very alone, at the hands of pure evil. Nick Berg and Paul Johnson were regular men with regular American families, just like you and me. They deserve our thoughts and respect, not our media's political agenda.

We couldn't even give their murders more time than Michael Moore or Bill Clinton, or the Abu Ghraib "hazing" photos? The media gave the men's murders a cursorv mention. Unbelievable.

Americans need to know the reality of the horrendous things that terrorists do. They need to physically see the photos and videos of the terrible acts that were perpetrated. They're real and make lasting impressions on those who see them. Witness-ing reality of that magnitude evokes outcry against those who committed the heinous acts.

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Is that what the media is trying to prevent? Maybe they don't want American outrage, as it might fuel support for the wrong candidate. Futenma Marine Corps Air Station, Okinawa

Kevin McCarthy

### Keep flying the flag

As the Supreme Court ruled last week it was constitutional to pledge allegiance to our flag, our flag was coming under attack from yet another, unsuspected angle.

eems the powers-that-be in Iraq have decided it is against the rules to display the American flag. All units have now been ordered to comply with this uncon scionable direction before the transfer of sovereignty on June 30.

There have been many orders that have not understood here in Iraq, but I have dutifully obeyed them as a well-trained soldier should. I am a proud American, and I am a proud soldier.

When I raised my hand to pledge my allegiance to my country and become a soldier in the U.S. Army eight years ago, I also pledged allegiance to our flag. Now they tell me that it is illegal to display that flag. I am confused, frustrated, and heart-broken

Our flag has flown on every battlefield that we Americans have found ourselves on since its establishment during the Revolutionary War.

Now, they tell me that it isn't politically correct. I have to wonder what the almost 850 soldiers who have given their lives for that flag in this war would have to say?

Our national anthem speaks of a horrible battle, with rockets and bombs bursting in air, yet through all that, in the dawn's early light, our flag was still there. In Iraq, there are bombs bursting in the air, yet soon our flag will not be there

Eight years ago I spoke a pledge; I would find myself in contempt if I were now to be derelict in my sworn duty to uphold the honor of my nation's flag. My fallen brothers and sisters in arms — not only in this war but in all wars prior — were willing to sacrifice it all for their country, and for their flag that is the physical repre-sentation for all that our country stands

I, too, am willing to make that sacrifice. Indeed, I may be called upon to do so at any time. But I refuse to allow America's flag to be dishonored on my watch. To me, to not display the flag on our nation's bases in Iraq is paramount to letting the flag touch the ground. In fact, it may be worse, and I cannot stand idly by without doing my best to restore America's flag to her rightful place of honor.

That is why I am writing this article. It is a plea to whomever reads it to get involved. Talk to your politicians. I may be, quite honestly, placing my military career in jeopardy because this type of policy crit-icism is simply not allowed. However, if in some way this article is

able to reinstate the flag to her dignified nosition over the American soldiers struggling and giving their lives for the cause of freedom in a distant land, I will consider myself to have served my country and my flag with honor.

I will stand with my fellow soldiers and salute her, for she will yet wave. Sgt. Joshua Hawkins Cook

Forward Operation Base Danger, Iraq

### Fix the road, please

I am writing about the unpaved section of road between Convoy Support Centers Cedar II and Scania in Iraq. When I first traveled north on this sec-

tion of road in May, about 100 km was unpaved. Now I believe it is about half of that As a military policeman, I must travel

this road on a weekly basis performing convoy escorts, and I see little progress. It appears that an Iraqi contractor is

doing the work. I understand why we would want to give jobs to the Iraqis. It also appears that the Iraqis are trying to build an extension of the existing six lane highway on either side of the dirt road. The Iraqi people deserve a world class highway Unfortunately, these wants do not meet

our current needs. What the soldiers who travel this road

need is a two-lane paved road instead of dirt. And they need it now.

How many more people must be injured in accidents when the dust is so thick that vehicles collide? How much time can be lost by having to travel at greatly reduced speeds? How many hundreds of thousands of dollars can we waste on damaged or lost equipment and supplies, and wear and tear on vehicles due to poor road condi-

Whole trucks have been burned with their entire loads because they have become disabled on this road as a direct result of road conditions Any reputable road construction compa-

ny back home could prep and pave two lanes on the existing road bed in a week or two weeks time.

I also say let's pave our road now and let the Iraqis build their super-highway later; enough time and money has been wasted already. I hate to think it would take the loss of a life to bring this issue to further light Sgt. Eric W. Giles

Udairi, Kuwait BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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### **OPINION**

# Post-handover Iraq counting on GIs' support

### BY ROBERT B. KILLEBREW

he link between politics and war will be very apparent when the new transitional Iraqi government begins calling the shots on the streets of Baghdad. The current play of Iraq politics demands that the Iraqi leadership show its independence from the very occupier that protects its emerging government This is both good and bad news for American forces in the country.

The good news is that Iraqi security forces will be taking more responsibility for policing Iraq - as they must, if Iraqis are ever to have any government at all. The bad news, though, is that American forces will now begin the slow, and occasionally frustrating, business of coordinating their operations with an ally - in this case, a weaker but more assertive ally - that, paradoxically, both needs American power and must show it is independent of it.

The transition is going to be tough for the soldiers and Marines on the ground, who will no longer have the freedom of action they exercised while the United States was an occupying power. Before, if they saw a target, they could try to hit it. Now, their actions are going to be more constrained by the need to clear operations with the host.

Many U.S. commanders and noncommissioned officers are veterans of negotiations with other armies - the American experience in Bosnia. Kosovo and elsewhere will pay off as soldiers on both sides in Iraq struggle to overcome language and cultural barri ers to effective operations. Overcoming these barriers will be critical in the face of a rising Iraqi and foreign insurgency and as the burden of security begins shifting from America to a legitimate Iraqi government. The mechanics of that shift on the ground

Initially, U.S. forces will retain considerable operational leeway but, as Iraqi authority grows, joint Iraqi-American civil and military planning will increasingly become the order of the day, and U.S. troops will slip more and more into training, support and backup roles for the Iraqi army and police.

But since the terrorists' primary goal is to sever the relationship between the Americans and the nascent Iraqi government, we can expect stepped-up attacks on U.S. forces after June 30.

How will U.S. troops respond? Despite the new constraints under which they will operate, the troops will retain the right to respond when attacked without asking anybody's permission. Follow-up operations to track down terrorist cells, corner insurgents in their holes and dig them out will be joint U.S.-Iraqi undertakings, particularly in urban areas. Managing the mix of forces and responses will take political and military savvy on both sides of the alliance.

For American commanders, "support" and "backup" pose some peculiar challenges. U.S. military doctrine emphasizes aggressive, decisive operations - waiting to be hit is not the American style. So the transition to support and defensive operations, even as the terrorists escalate their attacks, will be a major change

There will be enough fighting in Iraq for the foreseeable future to keep the troops from going slack, but new techniques and tactics for sharing the combat load will have to be developed - in fact, are probably being developed now - and new ways to co-



ordinate political and military efforts at the local and national levels will have to be worked out. It's not going to be easy - but then, nothing has been in Iraq.

If the new Iraqi army makes a decent showing and local security forces stick to their guns, American troops on the ground will undertake more operations in coordination with both groups and fewer that involve purely U.S. patrols and sweeps. This is as it should be.

As Iraqi forces become more expert, American forces will be less visible in popu-lated areas, and American garrisons may be relocated farther away from cities The U.S. forces will provide backup for

the Iraqi forces. They'll train with, support and, on occasion, fight alongside them - but within a political context that will seek to minimize the Americans' contributions. Assuming the Iraqis can handle the job, the shifting U.S. emphasis from independent offensive operations to support of the new nation's own armed forces is good news for both America and for Iraq. Robert Killebrew, a retired U.S. Army colonel who

served in infantry and special forces units, now writes and speaks on defense issues. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

### Moore's new film takes liberties with a hot topic spiratorial. Money and corporate power are 3.000 people in New York and would like to

BY JAMES K. GLASSMAN Scripps Howard

ichael Moore, once a scruffy maker of cheap, funny, satirical documentaries, now puffs himself with the plaudits of the metrosexuals of Hollywood and Cannes Having portrayed Americans as a bunch of gun-happy lunatics in "Bowling for Colum bine," he's now shooting at President Bush and the war in Iraq with "Fahrenheit 9/11," which opens Friday in the States.

Moore, famous for his puerile diatribe at the 2003 Academy Awards ("we live in the time where we have fictitious election results that elect a fictitious president"), has higher ambitions. According to Philip Shenon of The New York Times, Moore wants his new movie "to be remembered as the first big-audience election-year film that helped unseat a president.'

Miramax Films, which is releasing the movie, "has hired a team of hardened Democratic apparatchiks," writes the Guardian newspaper of Britain, "including Hillary Clinton's former campaign press secretary, Howard Wolfson ton Al Gore adviser Michael Feldman and Clinton White House advisers Mark Fabiani and Chris Lehane," to promote the film and defend it

"We want the word out," Moore says.
"Any attempts to libel me will be met by force." Shenon notes that Moore makes this threat with "not an ounce of humor in his fa-miliar voice." Mr. Tough Guy, balling up his fists. He dishes it out, but can be take it?

Now, let me stipulate that I have not seen this movie. I wasn't invited to the screenings, but I have read the advance articles and I watched the trailer online

The story line is no surprise. Moore's worldview is predictably Marxian and con-

behind everything. Republicans — especially that numbskull graduate of Yale and Harvard in the White House - are callous, corrupt and stupid. Secret plots abound.

For example, Moore spends several minutes in the film documenting ties between the president and what Shenon describes as an American "financial adviser to a prominent member of the bin Laden family adviser even served with Bush in the Air National Guard in the early 1970s!

But don't expect journalism. This is "not a network news report," another member of the Moore team. Dev Chatillon, the former general counsel to the New Yorker magazine, says. This is opinion or, more precisely, oh-so-stylish propaganda. What's the harm? Plenty. The United States is engaged in a war with a dangerous enemy that killed

kill another 3 million — by taking out an entire city with a nuclear or biological device. The cheering crowds in Cannes may not believe it, but the threat to civilization posed by the terrorists is dead-serious.

By the time George W. Bush took office, terrorists had already taken several shots at us. Our pitiful response to these outrages encouraged the attack of 9/11.

Since then, the United States has liberated 50 million people in two countries, captured Saddam Hussein, disrupted the al-Oaida network and, contrary to the expectation of the vast majority of Americans, there has not been another terrorist attack on our soil.

Certainly, there have been mistakes. The sad truth, however, is that the left is so intellectually bereft at this point that the buffoonery of Moore is about all they've got. So they're promoting it like crazy

Moore's movie draws its title from Ray Bradbury's classic 1953 novel "Fahrenheit 451" about a brutal, futuristic society in which books are banned and burned.

Bradbury is angry that Moore expropriated his title and wants the movie renamed. But perhaps it's appropriate that the inspiration was a story about book-burning. The introspection, contemplation, subtlety, adult seriousness and cool reason that we associate with good books are the qualities that are ritually immolated by Moore in his movies.

Moore, like his French confreres, has never had much respect for the intelligence of the American public. He seems to be betting that voters will be so dazzled that they'll forget about the war on terror and boot Bush. But, really, will "Fahrenheit 9/11" defeat

a president? Fat chance.

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# Potential home buyers weigh tax breaks

### Real estate shoppers shouldn't assume benefits will help costs

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - As home prices continue to soar in many parts of the United States, real es tate brokers and agents are increasingly eager to point out the tax benefits that go along with home ownership, reminding potential buyers that these breaks can make a house less expensive than it seems.

Some even draw up sheets showing how the deductions for mortgage interest and property taxes reduce the real after-tax cost of the house

But while the tax benefits are indeed real, the tay laws have become so complicated that a generalized set of calculations, which the agents typically use, may or may not reflect what a buyer will see on his or her actual tax re-

Thus, potential home buyers who are thinking of relying on tax benefits to make their new houses affordable should run their own numbers though their computer or take them to an accountant to be sure they don't bite off more house than they can pay for. The two provisions of today's

tax code most likely to rearrange the numbers are the increased standard deduction for couples and the alternative minimum tax for higher-income home buyers.

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He noted that last year Congress gave the standard deduction a big boost for married couples as part of its effort to ease the so-called marriage penalty on two-income couples. However, it's temporary unless lawmakers extend it, making planning even harder than usual

And the alternative minimum tax continues to creep up on middle-class taxpayers, despite minor relief enacted recently.

A third key factor is the buyer's tax bracket. The higher the bracket, the more valuable the deductions become At the same time a person barely into a higher bracket can see his taxable income reduced to the point where he is mostly in a lower bracket, cutting the benefit

In simplest terms, the tax savings from a deduction are equal to your tax bracket. For example, assume Anne and Ben are solidly in the 25 percent tax bracket and already itemize their deductions. such as state income tax, because they exceed the standard deduction of \$9,700. If they buy a house for which they will pay \$10,000 a vear in mortgage interest and

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As new-home prices continue to rise in the States, real estate agents have been touting the tax breaks that accompany home ownership.

real estate taxes, their tax saving will be \$2,500 (25 percent of \$10,000)

Carol and Dennis have the same income as Anne and Ben, but live in a state with no income tax. Their only expenses eligible for itemized deductions before the home purchase are \$700 in charitable contributions. Without any homeowner deductions, they would claim a standard deduction of \$9,700. With the extra \$10,000 of deductions, they will have itemized deductions of \$10,700.

Higher up the income scale. other complications set in. The alternative minimum tax.

or AMT, requires taxpayers to recompute their taxable income by using a large standard deduction and ignoring certain deductions they are allowed to take for regular tax purposes. They then figure their AMT, using a 26 or 28 percent rate, and nay whichever is higher, their regular tax or the

Among the ordinary deduc-tions not allowed under the AMT are state and local taxes. Taxpayers subject to the AMT can take a serious hit because of this.

For example, said Scharin, assume Gail and Howard are subject to the AMT and pay tax at the 26 percent AMT rate. Suppose the \$10,000 of homeowner deductions to which they will become entitled is composed of \$3,000 in property taxes and \$7,000 in mortgage interest Result: Their tay saving will be \$1,820 (\$0 for the real estate tax plus 26 percent of

Another pothole for upper-income taxpayers is a provision sometimes referred to as "Pease," after the congressman whose idea it was — that causes itemized deductions on Schedule A, where mortgage interest and taxes are listed, to start to phase out for taxpayers above a certain income (\$142,700 for a couple). even taxpayers enough to escape the AMT can see the benefit of homeowner de-

ductions eaten away by Pease. It's hard to predict where tax laws will go in the next few years, but if rates rise, as many expect, the best guess is that deductions will become more valuable. But also try to gaze into your own future, and see what you think your situation will be.

"Computations become more complex when projecting multi-year tax savings." Scharin said. "Homeowners are likely to find their deductions varying from year to year. It's important to plan as much as possible when buying.

### **EXCHANGE RATES**

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Bahrain (Dinar)	0.37
British pound	\$1.818
Canada (Dollar)	1.357
Denmark (Krone)	6.148
Favot (Pound)	6.1
Euro	\$1.20
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.79
Hungary (Forint)	210.6
Iceland (Krona)	72.61
Israel (Shekel)	4.498
Japan (Yen)	108.7
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.294
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INTEREST RATES

# ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

# Wealth-friendly states

CBS MarketWatch

Result: Their tax saving from

home ownership is only \$250 (25

percent of the \$1,000 by which

their itemized deductions exceed

A third permutation: Suppose

Eva and Fred itemize their deduc-

Their income is at a level where only their last \$1,000 of in-

come is taxed at the 25 percent

rate (In other words their tay-

able income without a home pur-

chase is \$59,100, and the 25 per-

cent tax bracket for joint return

filers begins with taxable income over \$58,100. Taxable income

over \$14,300 but not over \$58,100

is taxed at a 15 percent rate.)

When Eva and Fred purchase a

home that increases their deduc-

tions by \$10,000, they fall into the

Thus, only \$1,000 of the deduc-

tions cut their tax by 25 percent;

the remaining \$9,000 of deduc-

tions save tax at a 15 percent rate.

\$1,600 (25 percent of \$1,000 plus

Result: Their tax saving is

15 percent tax bracket.

15 percent of \$9,000).

the standard deduction)

Wyoming America's "wealth-friendliest state," while Rhode Island is the "most wealth-hostile," according to an annual study.

Bloomberg Wealth Manager magazine analyzed how the tax bite varies depending on where you live and the origin of your wealth - salary, real estate, personal property or retirement assets. Tax codes and their effects on the wealth of four hypothetical families were compared for each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

How much you pay each year in taxes could vary by as much as tens of thousands of dollars from state to state. The same assets that generated a tax bill of \$7,259 last year in Wyoming would have cost \$56,419 in Rhode Island

The five most wealth-friendly states were Wyoming, Nevada, Tennessee, Alabama and Alaska. The five "tax-hell" states were Rhode Island, Wisconsin, New York, Vermont and Nebras-

To find where your state falls, visit http://wealth.bloomberg.com



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**EUROPEAN FORECAST** 

Benelux: Cloudy with rainshowers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 50s and lows in the lower to mid 60s.

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy with

unner 50s to lower 60s France: Partly to mostly cloudy with rain-showers to the north in the

rainshowers in the evening and thur derstorms and partly cloudy in the morning. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 40s to upper 50s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Partly cloudy with morning isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the

evening and partly cloudy in the morning. Highs in the upper 60s in the north and lower 80s to the south. Lows in the lower 50s to lower 60s. Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thun-derstorms. Highs in the 60s and lows in the upper 40s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid to upper

60s and lows in the upper 40s. Hungary: Mostly cloudy with rain-showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s. Northern Italy: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Southern Italy: Surny. Highs in the lower to mid 60s and lows in the Courter Partly County with isolated.

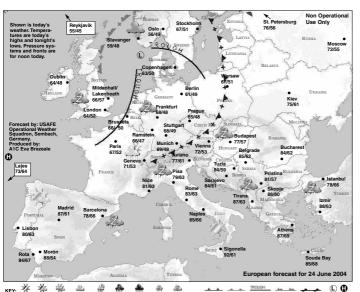
lower to mid 60s.

Kosovo: Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 80s and lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Norway: Cloudy with rain. Highs in the mid to upper 50s and lows in the

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upper 40s. Portugal, Spain: Mostly cloudy with

60s and lows in the upper 40s.



### Portugal, Spain: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunder-storms to the northeast and partly cloudy elsewhere. Highs in the upper 70s to upper 80s and lows in the 80c. cioudy elsewhere. Highs in the upper 70s to upper 80s and lows in the 60s. Turkey: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s to mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s to mid 60s. 46 4 40 2 Occluded fr. Staty. front Trough MIDEAST For current weather watches, warn-ings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAFE Operational Weather 109/77 Squadron home page at https://ows.sembach.af.mii 100/71 New Delhi 100/81 SUN & MOON 103/71 0336 LO 76 56 57 85 65 68 59 44 72 99/70 86 72 75 110 116/ 2024 94/76

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### PLANNING A CELEBRATION: **USE A DESIGNATED DRIVER**

- About 40.000 people are killed in road accidents on European roads every year > The total costs for road accidents are estimated at over 160 billion a year in the European Union.
- It is estimated that excessive blood alcohol concentration is involved in 1 out of 4 accidents and better drink-driving management could prevent up to 10.000 fatalities in the EU annually.



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### **Bodies found**

AZ TUCSON — The bodies of two illegal immigrants have been found on the Tohono O'odham Nation near the village of Queenswell, authorities said.

Queenswell, authorities said.
U.S. Border Patrol
spokesman Charles Griffin said that an immigrant came out of the
desert and told a rancher two people traveling with him needed

help and the rancher contacted the Border Patrol.

The victims were two Mexican men in their 20s. Their identities were not immediately available

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That makes 60 deaths the Border Patrol has documented in its
Turson sector since Oct 1, the

# start of the federal fiscal year. Cuba course may be off

BLOOMINGTON — New federal regulations on studying in Cuba could cancel a proposed Indiana University course in geography and telecommunications. The Treasury Department prohibits students from traveling to Cuba for courses that last less than 10 weeks.

That would block IU from offer-

That would block IU from offering the course scheduled to start next summer. It would have included 12 days of field work near Santa Clara, Bloomington's sister city in central Cuba.

### The myth of sunshine

FL FORT LAUDERDALE — The license plates proclaim Florida the Sunshine State, but the National Weather Service says five other states catch more rays.

Arizona is No. 1, followed by California, Nevada, New Mexico and Texas, according to the weather service, which monitors about 265 weather stations nationwide.

"We ought to call ourselves the Partly Cloudy State instead of the Sunshine State," Miami-based meteorologist Jim Lushine said.

Florida has more days where between 20 to 70 percent of the sun is blocked by clouds than anywhere else in the continental United States, weather officials said, Weather experts said warm water surrounding the state, high humidity and a long rainy season make for cloudy skies. But Florida still ests its fare

share of sun. Key West sees sun an average 76 percent of its available daylight hours — the most in the state — followed by Miami with 70 percent.

That still trails Yuma, which

sees 90 percent sun; Redding, Calif., 88 percent; and Reno, Nev., 85 percent.

### Suing over statement

BARNSTEAD — The parents of two seventh-grade boys are suing the school district after a teacher allegedly called the boys homosexual lovers.

The suit alleges teacher William Sheehan referred to the boys as homosexual lovers twice in class and told the girffriend of noe of the boys why he thought the boy was gay. Further, the parents allege the school principal, Stephen O'Neil, tried to get the girl to change her story about the conversation with the teacher.

The parents, Stephen and Dawn Call and Nathan and Julie Cheney, say O'Neil and the school superin-



tendent didn't do anything to the teacher after receiving complaints. The teacher's lawyer says the school offered to have the teacher apologize in class, but the parents wanted a larger, multiclass assem-

ROUNDUP

bly for the apology.

Lawyer Steven Sacks called the incident a lapse in judgment. He said Sheehan made one remark "in jest."

Both sides had hoped to settle the dispute out of court, but they couldn't agree on an appropriate anology

### Homeless help readied

County is ready to open a safe zone for homeless people in the Florida Keys this month. But county officials say the facility on Stock Island next to a jail doesn't have enough space for everyone in need. The new center offers sleeping space for up to 130 people. About 800 of the county's 17,000 homeless stay in nearby Key West.

### Ferry searches to resume

WA SEATTLE — Random searches of vehicles boarding Washington state ferries will resume next month as part of a new plan for increased security under

orders from the U.S. Coast Guard.
Washington state operates the
largest ferry system in the United
States and the third largest in the
world with 20 terminals and 29 vessels that carry more than 25 million passengers each year.

The searches were heavily criticized and discontinued in 2002 following opposition from the Ameri-



Airborne afternoon
Samaria Mayben, 10, flies above
the fence while bouncing on her
trampoline in Troy, N.Y.

can Civil Liberties Union.

ACLU spokesman
Doug Honig said he
had not yet seen the
new security plan. "The
ACLU certainly has concerns any time the government talks about conducting random searches of citizens without reason to think
that an individual has done anything wrong, "Honig said.

### Mainers' migration

ORONO — Cutting taxes, improving the job situation and promoting the University of Maine are three ways of keeping more young Mainers from leaving the state, participants in a weekend forum said. Maine had a net loss of more than 6,000 people between 20 and 34 years old between 1995 and 2000, researchers say.

Gov. John Baldacci plans to convene a panel to discuss the suggestions.

### Looking for fat facts

AR LITTLE ROCK — Gov. Mike Huckabee said that he wants scientific evidence that vending machines lead to obese children before he fully supports restricting the machines in public schools.

Huckabee suggests restricting vending machine use in a group of schools and comparing the data with schools with unlimited access.

The governor lost 105 pounds in the last year after he received a diagnosis of diabetes.

### Fireworks show OK'd

CA HUNTINGTON BEACH—City leaders approved the first beachfront Fourth of July fireworks show in 30 years after organizers raised \$100,000 for the 18-minute extravaganza.

Residents and businesses pressed the City Council to revive the fireworks display.

### Lab numbers dropping

OKLAHOMA CITY — The number of methamphetamine labs in Oklahoma has dropped 70 percent since state law-makers approved restrictions on the sale of cold medicines that contain the illegal drug's key ingredient, authorities said.

The dramatic decline, recorded over the past three months, followed passage of legislation this spring that banned store sales of popular medications such as Sudafed and Claritin-D that contain pseudoephedrine, the main ingredient in methamphetamine.

The medications may still be sold in pharmacies, where they must be kept behind the counter and sold only to people who present photo identification and sim for the medicine.

A total of 90 methamphetamine labs were reported to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation in March by law enforcement agencies statewide, authorities said. That figure declined to 64 in April and fell further to 29 in May, officials said.

OBN officials said a further decline in meth labs is possible in the coming months as pseudoephedrine inventories are consumed by producers.



Feed me, Mommy! Three young robins huddled in a nest open their beaks for food as their mother flies nearby. The nest was built on a newspaper delivery box next to the front door of a house in Fargo, N.D.



Fit for a pitch

Payton Rose Nowlin, 8, left, pitches a ball as from left, Hannah Bloch, 7, Megan Fox, 7, and Zach Witherspoon wait their turn during softball practice at Roosevelt Elementary School in Ames. Iowa.



Brave cat rescuer carson Freeman, 1.1, of Cohutta, Ga, tries to block rushing rain water from pouring into a storm drain and drowning a kitten trapped in the drain pipe in Dalton, Ga. While leaving her swim lesson, Freeman and several friends and family members the Dalton Fire Department arrived and brought the cat water the cat and tried to rescue it. Eventually, members of the Dalton Fire Department arrived and brought the cat.



Making his day?

Brattleboro Police Department Detective Erik Johnson, right, takes it all in stride as members of the Brattleboro Union High School Class of 2004 douse him with water during the school's Alumni Parade in Brattleboro, Vt.



Silhouetted by fire Firefighters pour water on a fivealarm warehouse fire in St. Louis.



A large tree in North Platte, Neb., Lawn goes aloft remains in a vard after it was toppled by high winds during a severe thunderstorm.



Pfc. Keith Graeme enjoys a picnic dinner outside the Time with family before leaving armory in River Falls, Wis., with his wife, Marie, and daughter, Mikayla. Graeme is being deployed with other members of Company D, 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry, to Mississippi for a six-month training program.

### Necessary danger

PA PITTSBURGH — Police and state regulators acknowledge that unlicensed taxis, known as jitneys, are dangerous but provide a needed service. The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review news paper reports that at least five jitney drivers have been killed since

Nearly half of Pittsburgh's black households have no vehicle, according to the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Social and Urban Research.

### County mulls land deal

MESA — A proposed land deal would preserve 1,200 acres of the San Tan Mountains Regional Park and safeguard the Gila River Indian Community from rapid development. Maricopa County would sell the 1,200-acre parcel to the Indian community to curb development southeast of Phoenix. Further details of the proposal will be discussed at a public meeting June 28.

### Inmates escape

TN NASHVILLE — Three inmates, two with artificial limbs, escaped from jail by squeezing through an 8-inch gap onto the roof and using bed sheets to descend three stories. Two were later captured.

William Clay Bohanan, 40, Berl Keith McKinnie, 38, and Billy Leo Potts Jr., 39, fled from a special needs cell at the medium, and may, imum-security jail in Nashville.

Left behind in the inmates' beds were dummies made by stuffing newspapers into jail-issued orange iumnsuits, authorities said.

McKinnie has a prosthetic foot and Potts a prosthetic leg. He was caught by the U.S. Marshals Service in north Nashville about two miles from the jail.

Bohanan - awaiting trial on homicide and arson related to a 1993 fire in which two children died — was captured about 15 miles east of the jail, officials said.

Potts remained at large

### **Controversial store burns**

MI HAMPTON TOWNSHIP — A furniture store where a group of white supremacists often met was destroyed by fire, authorities said. The group organized by a Chris-

tian Identity leader, James P. Wickstrom met at the Marquiss Quality Furniture store for about three vears.

No one was in the building at the time and no injuries were reported in the fire near Bay City, about 100 miles northwest of Detroit.

Store owners Mary and LeRoy Marquiss said they have been threatened since Wickstrom's meetings were publicized in June 2003 and believe the building was set on fire by someone who opnosed the meetings. A meeting was held at the store as recently as Memorial Day

The Christian Identity movement espouses a doctrine that whites are God's chosen people, teaching racist, sexist, anti-Semitic and homophobic beliefs.

### Sentence for seventh DUI NORFOLK — A man was

sentenced to 15 years in prison after being convicted of his

seventh drunken-driving charge for hitting a pedestrian with his truck, then fleeing the scene

Prosecutors said Ralph Shaw Jr., 45, hit Norfolk State University student Jason Ingram so hard, Ingram was embedded in the windshield and carried for another 30 vards before rolling off.

Ingram, 20, was hospitalized for a week with brain swelling, cuts to his face and a broken eye socket following the October incident.

Circuit Judge Charles Griffith Jr. ordered Shaw to pay \$120,000 in restitution to Ingram and forbid him from ever holding a driver's license again.

### Bail for accused wife

VT BRATTLEBORO — A 71-year-old West Townshend woman accused of killing her husband has been released from jail after posting \$100,000 cash hail

District Court Judge John Wesley ruled that Hope Schreiner, 71, did not nose a significant risk of flight.

Hope Schreiner called 911 on the afternoon of June 2, to report she had found her husband, bloody and unconscious, in the driveway. Robert Schreiner, 78, was later

declared dead at the scene. Hope Schreiner told police she was mentally exhausted from having to deal with her husband's mental illness and felt that he had taken his frustrations out on her,

She said she had tried putting sleeping pills in his coffee and when that didn't work she struck him in the head, killing him, records said

court records said.

### Theft puts nene at risk

HILO — The recent theft of two "nene crossing" signs from Hawaii Volcanoes National Park has officials concerned about the safety of a nene family that's been visiting the area since April. The signs were located at Crater

Rim Drive near the park's Kilauea Overlook, where a family of two parents and two goslings has been grazing on 'Ohelo and kiawe berries.

"For a nene family, crossing a busy road like Crater Rim Drive is a harrowing experience," said park biologist Kathleen Misajon. said 'The theft increases their risk of becoming roadkill."

Goslings cannot fly for the first three to four months of life. During the same time, adult

nene are also earthbound for several weeks as they undergo their annual molt, a process that replaces used feathers with new ones The nene is Hawaii's state bird

and has been listed as an endangered species since 1967. Intentionally harming a nene is against federal and state law.

### **Budget deal falters**

MI LANSING — Efforts to close \$1.55 billion in deficits in the current and upcoming Michigan state budgets have stalled

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, a Democrat, and Republican legislative leaders failed to reach a deal in several meetings. The Senate has reiected three of Granholm's tax proposals, including

5-cent-per-pack cigarette tax increase and an increase in the liquor tax.

Stories and photos from wire services

### Mama Cox shows off new friend



PEOPLE MAGAZINE VIA WI

Courteney Cox holds her newborn daughter, Coco, on Monday in Los Angeles. The former "Friends" actress and her husband, actor David Arquette, became parents on June 13, after years of trying. The couple are co-producers of a home decorating show, "Mix It Up."

# **Moore movie** keeps R rating

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Michael Moore and his distributors lost their appeal Tuesday to lower the R rating for "Fahr-enheit 9/11," his scathing assault on President Bush's actions before and after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Lions Gate Films and IFC Films, the movie's distributors, said an appeals board for the Motion Picture Association of America rejected their request to reduce the rat-

ing to PG-13. The R rating prohibits those 17 and younger from see-

ing "Fahrenheit 9/11" without an adult.
"Fahrenheit 9/11," which won the top honor at last month's Cannes Film Festival, depicts the White House as asleep at the wheel before the Sept. 11 attacks. Moore accuses Bush of fanning fears of future terrorism to win public support for the Iraq war.

The movie was rated R for "violent and disturbing images and for language." The images include an Iraqi man tossing a dead baby into a truckload of bodies, Iraqis

burned by napalm and a public beheading in Saudi Arabia. Tom Ortenberg, president of Lions Gate Films, had argued to the appeals board that 15- and 16-year-olds should be free to see the film on their own because they could end

up in military service in Iraq in the next few years "Fahrenheit 9/11" opens nationwide in about 850 theaters Friday.

### Olsen twin treated for eating disorder

NEW YORK - Mary-Kate Olsen, the brunette half of the Olsen twins entertainment em-

pire, has entered a treatment facility "to seek professional help for a health-related issue," her publicist said Tuesday.

Us Weekly and People magazines reported that Olsen has an eating disorder and entered the unidentified treatment center during the past few days. Us Weekly said Olsen is anor-

Mary-Kate and her sister, Ashley turned 18 on June 13. They recently graduated from high school and plan to attend New York University in the fall. They've been acting together since they were 9 months old.



### **AFRTS Television Schedule**

n or AFN's Web site at

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2004						
	(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00	Dr. Phil	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 1 of 3)	Nightline	College Baseball	The Wild Thornberrys	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 1 of 3)
9:30		Jackie Chan	Army Newswatch	NCAA World Series Game 12 Teams	SpongeBob	Jackie Chan
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris	TBA. From Omaha.	The Simpsons	Jeopardy!
10:30	Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune	Matthews	Neb. (Taped)	Happy Days	Headline News
11:00	General Hospital	ESPNews	60 Minutes II		One Tree Hill "Crash Into You"	ESPNews Pacific Report
11:30	General Hospital Headline News	Advisory Block	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter		
12:00		Everybody-Raymond Scrubs	The O'Helliy Factor	Sportscenter	The West Wing "Arctic Radar"	Everybody-Raymond Scrubs
12:30	Judge Judy Today Paige Davis;	Who Wants to Marry	Good Morning Ameri-	MLB Baseball Teams	Dominick Dunne: Pow-	Extreme Makeover
13:00	Teens in Training.	My Dad?	ca	to Be Announced.	er, Privilege & Justice	Latterne makeover
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15:00	Hercules	Pacific Report	Headline News	i	Masterpiece Theatre	Pacific Report
15:30	Hey Arnold!	The Tonight Show	World News	1		The Tonight Show
16:00	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 1 of 3)		The Early Show	Beyond the Glory		
16:30	Jackie Chan	Late Show				Late Show
17:00	Jeopardy!			SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys	
17:30	Headline News Destinations	Access Hollywood	FOX News	T	SpongeBob	Access Hollywood
18:00	AFN Evening News	Movie *** "Aliens" (1986) Sigour-	FUX News	Tennis Wimbledon Early Round Day 4.	The Simpsons Happy Days	Movie *** "Aliens" (1986) Sigour-
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21:30		Robert Carradine.	Inside Politics	1	er, Privilege & Justice	Robert Carradine.
22:00	Headline News	The Hot List	1		Journeys to the Ends	The Hot List
22:30	The Tonight Show	Headline News	Army Newswatch	1	of the Earth	Headline News
23:00		Today Paige Davis;	Lester Holt	Around the Horn	Masterpiece Theatre	Today Paige Davis;
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# **'It's Julie'**

# Nashville music mogul's secretary turns out to be singer with soulful voice

BY ERIC R. DANTON The Hartford Courant

t might as well be a fairy Julie Roberts, office girl with golden voice, answers phones for Nashville label chief by day and sings with a band in bars by night.

One day her boss hears demos she has worked on in secret and is stunned to learn that the voice that has captivated him belongs to his assistant down the hall.

She gets a record deal of course, and a publicity blowout that includes a seven-page photo spread in Maxim, a feature story in Glamour and a behind-the-scenes account of her

improbable rise on Country Music Television. Not bad for someone who at this time last year was still tak-

ing lunch orders.
"It really is a blessing," Roberts says from her home in Nashville during a break from promoting her self-titled debut. "I moved to Nashville to sing. I didn't know how I was going to get to sing. I just gave it to God."

The album, on Mercury, is a homey collection of first-rate country times. But what makes "Julie Roberts" special is Julie Roberts. It's her full-bodied voice, which she can twist into an earthy growl or use to pour on

emotion until you're blinking back tears. That's what caught the notice of Brent Rowan, a veteran session guitarist and producer who has worked with Joe Nichols, Tim McGraw, Toby Keith and Neil Diamond.

After hearing a recording of Roberts and her band, Rowan offered to work with the singer, and the two began cutting songs whenever both could find time He says her potential is unlimit-

"For me, music is down to two things: I either believe it, or I don't, and with her. I just believed it," Rowan says. "Her voice seemed to come from a really deep well of pain in her being, just that soulfulness

Rowan eventually played a handful of Roberts' demos at the end of a routine meeting with her boss, Luke Lewis, the president of MCA and Mercury operations in Nashville. Lewis demanded to know the singer's name, but Rowan refused until after the last tune ended. Then he said, "It's Julie." "My first reaction was disbe-

lief," Lewis said. "Then I felt foolish for not knowing how talented she was when we had worked so closely.

Lewis didn't know because Roberts was careful to keep it from him

The 25-year-old singer moved



Country music singer Julie Roberts was a secretary by day, and singing in nightclubs by night before her boss heard her demo tape.

from South Carolina to Nashville five years ago to finish college at Belmont University. She was enrolled in the college's entertainment and music business program, which secured her an internship with MCA/Mercury After two years as an intern, the company hired her as a receptionist, never knowing of her aspirations to sing

"I never talked about it at work because I was scared," Roberts said. "At Belmont, I remember being told, 'If you're a singer, don't talk about it, and don't force it on somebody if you're going to go work at a record label.' So I never talked about it; it was my night life. It was my other life, really

Now it's her life full time, and Roberts seems undaunted even by the risk of overexposure from the publicity surrounding her debut.

"I'm not going to complain one bit. I'm not going to say, 'No, don't do Maxim.' because I'm afraid of too much hype," she

### Dylan ready to play ball

Bob Dylan will tour minor-league ballparks across the country this summer, beginning Aug. 6 in Cooperstown, N.Y., Fame.

Dylan will be joined on the 22-date con cert tour by Willie Nel-son and The Hot Club of Cowtown.

The tour will run through Sept. 4, Co

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Monday. Bob The Bob Dylan Show will include stops in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indi-ana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Kansas

### Bon Jovi sell-off

Years ago. Alec John Such provided the backbeat as bassist for Bon Jovi. It's been 10 years since he left the band, and he wants to move to a smaller place

So he decided to auction some memorabilia Sunday from Colts Neck, N.J., the third such sale he's held in recent years. This time though there weren't many

A few Fender bass guitars sold for \$700 to \$750, and a 1960 MGA Roadster convertible went for \$7.500. All told, the auction netted

about \$30,000 from 300 items. Last year, a similar auction sold 1,200 items and made a

\$300,000 profit, and a 2000 auction took in \$400,000. Such is also selling his colonial-style home and three acres of

property. "I broke my hip when my car

was hit head-on by a drunk driver in 1995," said Such, 52. "I just don't feel like walking up and down stairs anymore.

### Opera rocks

Opera classics by Giacomo Puccini, Giuseppe Verdi and Richard Wagner will be performed at Den-mark's annual Roskilde Festival, one of Europe's biggest outdoor rock events.

Members of the Danish Royal Opera, a chamber choir and a symphony orchestra will play during the July 1-4 musical festival known more for its rock, punk, funk and hip-hop jams.

"It is always exciting when the arts break out of their tight frames and meet with other genres," Kasper Bech Holten, director of the Royal Theater's opera troupe, said Friday. Besides the opera — dubbed by

the official program as "the most alternative genre" of the festival lineup — an estimated 40,000 fans will also see and hear more than 150 artists on the festival's six stages, including David Bowie, the Pixies, Morrissey, Sahara Hotnights and Avril Lav-First held in 1971, Roskilde, 25

miles west of the capital, Copenhagen, was inspired by the 1969 Woodstock Festival in upstate New York.

Stories and photos from The Associated



### Horoscope

An aspect involving Saturn and Neptune brings clarity to an issue that has long been clouded. Being imaginative helps you in logical quests and in solving Joyce Jillson

practical problems. Strive to think with all sides of your brain - there is not one right answer. Also, when we stop being quick to judge, we can find support more easily

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 24). The advancement you've been working toward and the recognition

you deserve will be yours in the coming year. Though you'll be working hard through the next three months, do take time to travel - new financial opportunities will open up. Your efforts will bring the whole family closer in September. Love signs are Taurus and Scorpio. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 10, 45, 15 and 19

### ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You're organizing big blocks of mental energy, deciding your emotional priorities and hopefully declaring what you're willing to do to make a dream real. Figure out your finances tonight. Do you have enough to move yet?

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The world sees you differently than it

did yesterday - and after a bit of adjustment, you'll see yourself differently as well. Roll with your unusual luck. It could lead you down a path you wouldn't normally think to take

### GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're embroiled in an interesting

competition. This has actually been building up for weeks now under the radar, and you could suddenly realize your feisty feelings. Give yourself plenty of love and attention

### CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Blame is wrongly being passed around, and it's easy to buy into the group mentality. Separate yourself instead. You're not a lemming, and there's no reason to scurry off the cliff like the others. Stay out of gossin

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When your project gets pushed to the wayside again, it's time to get serious about time management. Explore more possibilities. Ask yourself what you'd be doing if not for the

### current financial and time limitations VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll do what you love and feel that

it matters - how could a day be better spent? The best mood is the one you cultivate alone, but for activities that can't be accomplished solo, deal-

### ing with a Cancer will be most satisfactory LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). You're even friendlier than usual, especially when you're not expected to be. You never understood those people who have a profes

sional persona that is so far away from how they really are in their personal lives

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're on a mission, and you'll tell everyone in your path what it is you want and how you'll make it happen. No one is an island. Depend on your friends. A strategic alliance will help vou gain an edge.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). Like the John Mayer song. you're bigger than your body gives you credit for. Get back in touch with your inner Statue of Liberty (or King Kong) because it's time to reclaim one of those oversized dreams of vours.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). New environments bring good fortune. You may find yourself starting to pick up the traditions, value systems and mannerisms of the new place. Shopping is lucky. You can make your home a masterpiece on a limited budget.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If what you see is what you get, then it's time to look beyond the superficial and see the endless, unlimited potential in situations. A new charac-

ter enters your life tonight, catching you in the act of striving. Team up with a Libra.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's an introspective morning. A

mellow, low-key day will get you back in sync, so don't be hard on vourself if you'd rather stay in your room and read. But do read something with the potential to inspire you.

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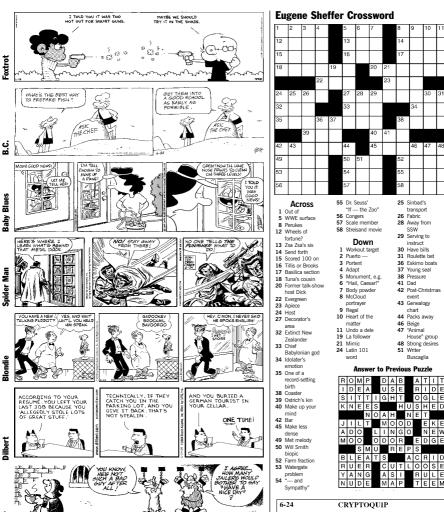












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C D WLI NOZVK. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN TWO PASTORS CHAT BY PHONE, I'D PROBABLY CONSIDER IT A PARSON-TO-PARSON CALL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals R

# **Turning stressful talk around**

Dear Abby: I had a problem similar to the one described by "Stressed Out by Mom," the college student wi se mother calls to unload her problems. A therapist taught me a technique that worked wonders. When Mom called and complained, instead of symnathizing (which is why she called in the first place), I'd mirror her complaint back to her so

seeking When she said, "Your sister doesn't know how to save money," I'd reply, 'So what you're saying is my sister doesn't know how to save money. However, when she said something positive, like, "Isn't it a lovely day?" I'd be sure

she didn't receive the

positive feedback she was

to give her all kinds of positive feedback. "It sure is! I'll bet your marigolds are really blooming now

It worked like a charm and preserved my relationship with my mother. She quickly lost interest in the topics that didn't bring

positive feedback, and we'd end up talking about all kinds of interesting things

— Tried It in Portland, Ore. Dear Tried It: Thank you for the suggestion. I was unprepared for the deluge of mail I received from readers who iden-

tified with "Stressed's problem. Read on:

Dear Abby: I'm a 57-year-old woman who has had the same problems with my now 76-year-old mother since childhood Please tell "Stressed Out" that she must take immediate steps to set healthy boundaries. She should

schedule an appointment at the student health center and talk to a psychologist.

I am the only family member still on speaking terms with Mother. Her eight siblings, the folks at the senior center and people from her former church no longer talk to her. I'm the only one she has

left to lash out at - and if I try to set boundaries now, the breach it will create will leave her with no support system at all.

— Wish I'd Done It in Fredericksburg, Va. Dear Wish: Perhaps the suggestion offered by the next writer will be of help to you.

Dear Abby: I have a relative who is an alcoholic. He calls to ramble, complain and generally make me miserable

I relieve my stress by playing computer games, reading a maga zine or watching TV while he's talking. The trick is to otherwise engage your mind while uttering an occasional response. When he hangs up, I have no idea what he said, but he is happy and I'm not stressed

- Coping in Bloomington, ind. Dear Coping: Not everyone

has your level of tolerance. Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

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"I'll never forget what happened today ... or no, I think it was yesterday.

# Husband must boot the bottle

### Dear Annie: My

husband and I have been married for seven years. Each year, we get into a huge fight about his drink ing. "Steve" is not an alcoholic, but he can't hold his liquor. When Steve is sober, he's a great father, a wonderful husband and a hard worker. When he's intovicated he becomes critical, insulting and silly in front of his

children. His friends are drinkers and drug addicts, and they're a bad influence on him.

My father was an alcoholic, and I don't want to end up like my mother. She always locked us in a room so my father wouldn't hurt

He was never physically abusive, but Mom always feared it was possible. I don't want to live that life again.

I have threatened to leave when Steve comes home drunk. Then he will ston for months maybe as long as a year, but it starts all over again as soon as his friends ask him to come over. He always

Annie's Mailbox promises he will quit drinking, but then he does it anyway. Should I leave him?

- Distraught in Ohio Dear Ohio: Steve may not be a teythook alco holic, but he definitely has a drinking problem. Unfortunately, ultimatums will not get him to stop. He must want to do this for himself. Since there are chil-

dren involved, please don't give up without checking your phone book for Al-Anon (al-anon-alateen.org). Steve also could use a new group of friends. The ones he has now aren't doing him any good whatsoever.

Dear Annie: Boy, you women sure stick together. I'm talking about the letter from "Extended Family in Massachusetts," who wanted to invite the ex-son-in-law out for dinner, but their daughter, "Jenny," objected. Sometime Jenny wouldn't let them see the grandchildren if she didn't get her way. You told those parents to

stay friendly with the ex, but not to invite him for dinner, and that they should be more "sensitive" to Jenny's feelings.

To hell with Jenny's feelings. Why should the parents kowtow to her demands? Tell her to get a life and leave her parents alone. She shouldn't be asking for a divorce and then holding the children hostage until she gets her way She'll end up alienating her children from herself, not from their

The parents should spend time with whomever they want. Jenny should learn that not everything revolves around her.

father.

— A Real Angry Man in South Carolina

Dear Angry Man: A lot of readers were upset with Jenny. We were, too. However, given the choice of seeing their grandchil-dren or having dinner with the ex-son-in-law, we opted for the former

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### Tennis

### Wimbledon

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Thursday At The All England wn Tennis & Croquet Club Wimbledon, England Centre Court

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Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia, vs. Filippo Volan-dri, Italy Aniko Kapros, Hungary, vs. Anastasia Myskina (2), Russia Cho Yoon-jeong, South Korea, and Laura Granville, United States vs. Svetlana Kur-netsova and Elena Likhovtseva (2), Russia.

### Soccer

### Major League Soccer



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College baseball

### **College World Series**

At Rosenblatt Stadium Omaha, Neb. Double Elimination Friday, June 18 Bracket 1

Georgia 8, Arizona / Texas 13, Arkansas 2 Saturday, June 19 Bracket 2 Cal State Fullerton 2, South Carolina 0 Miami 9, LSU 5

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nated Wednesday, June 23 Game 11 — Texas (57-13) vs. Georgia (45-22) Game 12 — Cal State Fullerton (44-21) vs. South Carolina (52-16) Thursday, June 24 Game 13 — Texas vs. Winner Game 11, if

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NEW ORLEANS HORNETS—Announced Jeower, assistant coach, is moving to the out office to a scouting-personnel pos

American Basketball Association Reggie Davis.

VANCOUVER—Named Jim Harrick coach.

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OHIO STATE—Announced the resignation of Larry Cox, women's gymnastics coach amed Carey Fagan interim women's gym astics coach.

astics coach.

OKLAHOMA—Named Ray McCallum men's ssistant basketball coach.

SMU—Named Anthony Anderson men's assistant basketball coach.

# **Report: USADA alleges Montgomery used** banned substances

LOS ANGELES - The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency alleges 100-meter world-record holder alleges Tim Montgomery used five banned steroids and human growth hormone, the Los Angeles Times reported Tuesday.

According to documents obtained by the newspaper, USADA accuses Montgomery of using banned substances as far back as 2000, two years before setting the world record. In addition to the steroids and growth hormone, the agency says Montgomery used the blood-booster EPO and insu-

lin In notifying Montgomery of alleged doping violations that might keep him off the U.S. Olympic team this summer, USADA also says it "anticipates testimony" - it doesn't say from whom regarding Montgomery's "ad-itted use of the 'clear,' " which mitted use of the 'clear, was later determined to be the designer steroid THG.

Other evidence against Montgomery allegedly includes urine and blood test results that USADA says are consistent with the use of banned substances: calendars sketching out cycles of substance use; handwritten notes that make reference to various steroids; and laboratory payments, invoices and correspondence, the Times reported Tues-

The accusations are contained in a letter that USADA sent to Montgomery on June 7. The letter notified Montgomery of potential violations.

Montgomery responded to the letter last Friday, and a USADA review panel now will recom-mend whether to pursue charges against him.

Montgomery, the boyfriend of track superstar Marion Jones, has never failed a doping test administered by track or Olympic

### Padres suspend top nick **Rush after arrest**

SAN DIEGO - Suspended top draft pick Matt Bush allegedly bit one of the bouncers who tried to escort the San Diego Padres' prospect out of a bar, police said Tues-

Following his arrest early Sunday in Peoria, Ariz., Bush was sus-pended indefinitely by the team. The Padres gave the 18-year-old shortstop a \$3.15 million signing bonus after picking him No. 1 overall out of a San Diego high school on June 7.

Bush was arrested on suspicion of felony assault, and misdemeanor trespass and disorderly conduct. Bush was also cited for underage drinking, said Jay Davies, a spokesman for the Peoria Police Department.

Arrested at about 12:30 a.m., Bush was released later Sunday. Employees at McDuffy's, which is across the street from the Peoria Sports Complex, where the Padres hold spring

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training, believe Bush and his 23-year-old brother, Jeremy, slipped into the bar through a rear entrance Davies said Tues-

### Tigers SS Guillen agrees to \$14M, three-year extension

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The Detroit Tigers and shortstop Carlos Guillen agreed Tuesday on a \$14 million, three-year contract exten-sion through 2007.

Guillen, 28, gets \$4 million next ason and \$5 million in each of the final two years. He is batting .322 with 47 RBIs in 67 games this season with a career-best seven triples and 10 homers.

Guillen was acquired from Seattle in January for Ramon Santiago and prospect Juan Gonzalez after starting the previous three seasons with the Mariners. Guillen is making \$2.5 million this year.

Guillen, 28, was hitting .322 with 49 runs, 17 doubles, a ca-reer-high 10 homers and 47 RBIs in 67 game with the Tigers. His .979 fielding percentage ranked third among AL shortstops.

### Angels' Lackey drops appeal of suspension

ANAHEIM, Calif. - Anaheim Angels pitcher John Lackey dropped his appeal of a five-game suspension he received from the commissioner's office and began serving the penalty Tuesday night.

Lackey was fined and suspended for throwing consecutive brushback pitches at Toronto's Simon Pond on May 24 after three of his teammates got hit by

pitches earlier in the game Lackey, who beat the Oakland Athletics 10-3 Monday night for his second victory in eight starts, wasn't scheduled to pitch again until Sunday. He was pushed back a day by manager Mike Scioscia because right-hander Aaron Sele is scheduled to come off the disabled list to start Saturday.

### **Buccaneers WR McCardell** skips minicamp; wants raise

TAMPA, Fla. - No longer the No. 2 receiver in Tampa Bay's offense Keenan McCardell wants to be paid like a No. 1.

The two-time Pro Bowl selection, a no-show for the Buccaneers' voluntary workouts this spring, is sitting out a mandatory three-day minicamp that began Tuesday because he wants a raise after catching 84 passes for 1.174 vards last season with a career-high eight receiving touchdowns

McCardell, 34, has two years left on a four-year contract and is scheduled to earn \$2.5 million in 2004. He wants to be paid closer to the average salary of the NFL's No. 1 receivers, which his agent says was more than \$4.4 million last season.



# **Cubs closing quickly** on NL Central rivals

ST. LOUIS - The Chicago

Cubs are closing too fast for the rest of the NL Central to keep up At one point early this month, they were in fourth place. Now the Cubs could leave St. Louis as

the division leader. They got within a game of the Cardinals on Tuesday night when Aramis Ramirez hit a two-run double off closer Jason



Isringhausen with two outs in the eighth inning to help Chicago to a 5-4 win.

It was the Cubs' ninth win in 10 games, outpacing even the Cardinals, who have won 15 of 21, but lost two straight

Isringhausen (3-2) was trying for his sixth multi-inning save of the season. He relieved Marquis after the starter allowed a single to Mark Grudzielanek and he was sacrificed over. After a retiring Moises Alou, Isring-hausen pitched carefully to Sammy Sosa, who drew a walk on a full count, before Ramirez dou-Isringhausen didn't consider

Sosa's at-bat pivotal

"I'm not going to let that man beat me," Isringhausen said. "No disrespect to Aramis. Then again, if I throw a strike to him and he beats me, then everybody asks me why I threw to him. It's a

"He's an RBI guy," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said of Ramirez. "He's had two 100-RBI years, and he's getting better. Cardinals manager Tony La

Russa defended going to Isringhausen for what would have been a five-out save because the Cubs' 3-4-5 hitters were coming up and Isringhausen had two days off since a four-out save on Saturday. "I was trying to win the game," La Russa said. "He's fresh, it's

the heart of the lineup, Izzy's the guy I wanted out there

Kyle Farnsworth (3-3) pitched out of a jam in the seventh, and re tired the heart of the order in the eighth, LaTroy Hawkins finished for his ninth save in 12 chances.

If Chicago can take over first place at Busch Stadium, it will be an accomplishment: It's won just eight times there in 35 games since 2000

Mets 7, Reds 4: Mike Piazza hit a go-ahead home run in the fifth inning and the Mets won their season-high fifth straight. In his first game since hitting

his 500th homer, Ken Griffey Jr. went 1-for-5 with a single. He was mostly cheered by the Shea Stadium crowd of 19,301.

John Franco (1-3) pitched two perfect innings in relief of Matt Ginter to earn his first win since Sept. 17, 2001 and help the Mets win for the seventh time in eight games to move above .500 at 35-34

Giants 11, Dodgers 5: Edgar do Alfonzo drove in a career-high six runs and San Francisco moved a half-game ahead of visit-



Sammy Sosa scores the Cubs' game-winning run on an eighth-inning double by Aramis Ramirez as Cardinals catcher Mike Matheny can't handle the throw. Sosa had walked on a full count to bring up Ramirez.

ing Los Angeles in the NL West Deivi Cruz went 5-for-5 with three doubles and two RBIs for the Giants, who have won 13 of their past 14 home games to take the division lead for the first time since April 13. They trailed by

eight games in May.

Marlins 4, Braves 3: Carl Pavano (8-2) held visiting Atlanta to three runs and nine hits in seven innings, winning his fourth consecutive start and fifth in six out-

Pinch-hitter Lenny Harris walked and scored on a wild pitch in the seventh inning, helping Florida stop a three-game losing

Atlanta has lost five of six and nine of 13

Expos 5, Phillies 2: At Montreal, Livan Hernandez (4-7) dou-bled twice and got his first win in

Brad Wilkerson, who fell a triple short of his second cycle in two seasons, and Brian Schneider ach had three hits for Montreal which won its third in a row following a seven-game losing

Brewers 6, Rockies 2: Larry Walker made his return for the visiting Rockies, but Colorado's Javier Lopez (0-2) broke a seventh-inning tie when he hit consecutive batters with the bases loaded. Walker doubled in his season

debut after missing the Rockies first 68 games with a strained left

Keith Ginter added a two-run double in the five-run seventh, giving Doug Davis (7-5) his third straight victory.

Astros 5. Pirates 4: Roy Os. walt (5-6) pitched eight solid innings to outduel Kris Benson

Morgan Ensberg hit a tiebreaking triple in the seventh and the Astros came from behind for the second consecutive night, dropping the Pirates to 1-15 in their past 16 games in Houston.

Oswalt allowed three runs, nine hits and did not walk a hatter sending Pittsburgh to its 10th straight road loss and fifth in a row overall.

Padres 2, Diamondbacks 1 (10): Khalil Greene scored from second when Arizona's Scott Hairston botched a notential double-play ball with one out in the

With Greene on second and Sean Burroughs at first, Hairston tried to glove Mark Loretta's chopper to second and tag Burroughs to start a double play. But the ball popped loose and rolled into shallow left field, allowing Greene to score.

bottom of the 10th inning.

The Padres started the winning rally when Greene was hit by a pitch from Mike Koplove (2-2) leading off the inning.



Red Sox Manny Ramirez (24) and Trot Nixon (7) greet Nomar Garciapa ra, right, after his grand slam against the Twins in the seventh inning.

### Garciaparra, A-Rod homer in victories

The Associated Press

Nomar Garciaparra and Alex Rodriguez carried their teams to victory. The Tampa Bay Devil Rays keep winning without big

Garciaparra hit a grand slam Tuesday night for his first home run of the season, sending the Boston Red Sox to a 9-2 victory over the Minnesota Twins at Fenway Park.

"It was nice," said Garciaparra, who missed the first 57 games with right Achilles' tendinitis. "We never counted on just one guy. We expect to pick each other un always

Rodriguez did most of the damage for the New York Yankees. who beat the Baltimore Orioles 10-4 at Camden Yards. He passed Joe DiMaggio on the career home run list, connecting twice and driving in five runs

"Alex was dynamite." Yankees manager Joe Torre said. And the same could be said of the surprising Devil Rays, who extended their franchise-record winning streak to 12 games by beating the Toronto Blue Jays 5-1 at SkyDome behind homers from

Julio Lugo and Carl Crawford. "At the beginning of the season was terrible. We were just Tampa Bay," Lugo said. "Now everybody is calling us the stinging Rays.

Tampa Bay starter Chad Gaudin was lifted after walking four in the first inning, but four relievers went the rest of the way for a three-hitter

The Devil Rays (33-34) went 3-19 from April 25 to May 19, but they're a major league-best 23-6 in their nast 29 games. They have the longest winning streak in the majors since Arizona won 12 straight last season.

At Baltimore, Mike Mussina (8-4) overcame a rocky start to win his seventh straight decision. In his first game since leaving a June 11 outing with a groin injury, he lasted just five innings.

"I was trying to make sure that I didn't do anything foolish," Mus-sina said. "But as it went on. I got a little more loose and a little

### Roundup

more comfortable. I could tell it was getting a little tired when we decided that was enough."

Rodriguez had his 35th multiomer game. He hit a three-run shot off Matt Riley (1-3) in the first inning and a two-run drive against Rodrigo Lopez in the seventh to help the Yankees improve to 7-0 against Baltimore this season.

At Boston, Garciaparra's fifth career slam backed Curt Schilling, 5-1 in his past six starts. David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez also homered for the Red Sox.

"It's like pick your poison," said Johnny Damon, who doubled twice. "We have some of the best 3-4-5 hitters in the league.'

Schilling (9-4) is 6-0 at Fenway Park, the first pitcher in the majors to win his first six home decisions this season. He allowed one run, four hits and no walks in seven innings with five strikeouts.

Rangers 10, Mariners 2: Ryan Drese (4-4) pitched four-hit ball for eight innings and Rod Barajas homered in his third straight

The Rangers won their fourth straight and are in first in the AL West at the latest point in a season since 1999 - when they won their last division title. Visiting Seattle had won four straight and 10 of 14, but is 91/2 games back in last place.

Royals 8. Tigers 1: At Kansas City, Mo., Carlos Beltran hit a two-run homer in the first inning and Mike Sweeney added a three-run shot in the eighth, sending Detroit to its fourth straight

White Sox 11. Indians 9 (10): Jose Valentin drove in five runs. including a two-run homer in the bottom of the 10th off Jose Jimenez. Frank Thomas had a three-run shot for Chicago, which nearly squandered an eight-run lead.

Angels 6. Athletics 1: Bartolo Colon (5-6) took a shutout into the eighth inning and the Angels beat visiting Oakland, which has lost seven of eight after an eight-game winning streak.

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### Baseball calendar

July 13 — All-Star Game, Houston. July 25 — Hall of Fame inductions, Cooper-stown, N.Y. Aug. 18-19 — Owners meeting, Philadelphia. Oct. 5 — Playoffs begin.

### Possible NBA Draft first-round selections

A thumbnail look at possible first-round selections in the NBA Draft to be held June 24 in New York:

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Luol Deng, f, Duke

6-8, 220 . . . 15.1 ppg, 6-9 rpg

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Andre Iguodala, f, Arizona 6-6, 207 . . . 12.9 ppg, 8.4 rpg, 4.9 apg

Early entry.... Has been compared to Scottle Pippen... Versatile and atthletic... Tremendous passer... Improved his outside shooting, doubling his output from the previous year... One of the best defenders in the draft.

6-7, 215.... 21.2 ppg, 7.2 ppg, 4.5 apg
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Forward Kris Humphries entered the NRA Draft after just one season at Minnesota where he was selected as the Big Ten Conference's top freshman.

Arthur Johnson, c, Missour 6-9, 255 . . . 16.4 ppg, 7.5 rpg

sesses and all-around game in the frontcourt.... Cor as a scorer, rebounder and defender... Led Missounds in each of his four years... Also has the sci with 235 blocked shots.... Needs to work on ball I

Shaun Livingston, g, Peoria (III.) Central HS

6-7, 175 ... 18.0 ppg, 6.2 rpg, 5.7 apg

Early entry. ... Originally committed to play for Duke. ... true point guard. ... Excellent court vision and ballhandli skills. ... His long arms make him a defensive threat ... Nee to add weight.

Sergey Monia, f, CSKA Moscov 6-8, 220 . . . 7.7 ppg. 4.1 rpg

Fundamentally sound. ... Has a good work ethic. ... Has speed and quickness. ... Solid one-on-one defender. ... Has three-point range. ... Mature mentally and physically. ... Still a raw product in need of quality coaching and patience.

6-0, 190 ... 20.6 ppg, 5.3 apg, 2.9 spg Consensus National Player of the Year. ... His guickn breaks down the defense and opens space for his shot Has great court awareness. ... Finished his career as Hawks' 11career leader in points, assists and steals. ... stock dropped a bit after various workouts leading up to

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Pavel Podkolzine, c, Varese (Italy)
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r entry. ... Enormous size. ... Has some potential. ... Has
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Early entry. ... The WAC Player of the Year. ... A solid all-around player ... Can play both guard positions. ... Strong and athletic. ... A solid defensive player. ... Has 3-point range and can score slashing to the hoop. ... Always wants the ball in clutch situations.

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- By Paul Montella, The Associated Press

# **Draft:** Lots of talent, but no LeBron this year

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Another high schooler who could surface in the first round is Dorell Wright, a 6-7 swingman from Los Angeles who played a fifth year in prep school in Con-

necticut last season.

Livingston's size intrigues NBA scouts, but his weight, 180 pounds, is a concern

"My workouts have been going well, and they had an effect on my decision to turn pro," said Liv-ingston, who was ticketed for Duke before opting for the NBA. Plus the improvement I'm make ing on the court, and the fact that I have been able to gain some weight, makes me feel I'm ready

In a league desperate for perimeter shooting, J.R. Smith provides a needed skill. He does two things at a high NBA level — shoot and dunk

His defense, still a bit of a foreign concept, will have to improve, but he has a chance to be a quality shooting guard whose

range extends beyond 25 feet.
The player who has helped himself recently is Josh Smith, who had a workout with the Sixers last week. Coach Jim O'Brien said he was impressed by Smith's perime-

ter game. The knock on Smith has been his work habits, something he challenges.

"That probably came from somebody in the media," he said. "I don't worry about that and I know I work hard."

Swift and Jefferson are back-to-the basket players who are limited on offense. Teams like Swift's size, but he will be drafted based on his upside and not his ability to contribute immediately Jefferson will make his mark with rebounding, and even though he averaged 42 points per game in high school, he will need to develop a more versatile offen-

sive game.
As for Telfair, he is an exceptional passer, and that will be his NBA calling card. He doesn't shoot extremely well and there are questions about his defense, but he knows how to run a team and promises to be the most intriguing pick in the first round.

Any of these players comes with a risk, but teams are afraid of passing over the next Kobe Bryant, Tracy McGrady or Kevin Garnett.

Twelve teams passed on Bry ant, McGrady wasn't drafted until the ninth pick of the first round, and Garnett was the No. 5 selection.

Danny Ainge, the Boston Celticdirector of basketball operations, said that while teams "don't want to pass up the chance to draft a potential superstar," drafting high school players is hard because I've seen a lot of great high school players go to college and then never get drafted.

His point was that some players peak during high school and others way beyond. That's why so many NBA teams will be rolling the dice when the long list of high school players is chosen in this year's first round.

# Okafor: Deng, Nelson expected to go early

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Desnite the health questions and the concerns about his offense, there probably are few players in the draft who will be able to contribute immediately which is what Okafor seems likely to do.

Among the other college players who project as solid first-round picks are freshman forward Luol Deng of Duke; junior combination guard Ben Gordon, a teammate of Okafor's at UConn; senior point guard Jameer Nelson, who gained local and national acclaim with St. Joseph's last season; junior swingman Josh Childress of Stanford: sophomore swingman Andre Iguodala of Arizona; senior swingman Luke Jackson of Oregon; jun ior point guard Devin Harris of Wisconsin; junior shooting guard Kirk Snyder of Nevada; and freshman forward Kris Humphries of Minnesota.

Most of those players' heights, as measured by the NBA, are significantly lower than the ones listed by their colleges. And the state of college basketball today is such that all of them are surrounded by questions, whether about size, quickness, health, or their overall games

Iguodala was listed in some places at 6-7, but he was mea-sured at 6-5 ¾ by the NBA. However his performance has reportedly been off the charts during individual workouts with teams, and his stock has risen.

Still, he averaged just 12.9 points per game last season and 9.6 for his two-year college ca-

Childress was listed at 6-8 by Stanford but he was measured by at 6-5 3/4 by the NBA, not, apparently, including his Afro. The knock on Childress - named the Pacific Ten player of the year after averaging 15.7 points per game — had been that he was lacking in athleticism.

But he has had strong individual workouts that have given him

"I was able to show I am more athletic and stronger than people thought I was," said Childress, who likened his game to Scottie

Deng is another player who has benefited from strong workouts It's possible that he will be selected as high as third by the Chicago Bulls

NBA teams will have to decide

the point-guard pecking order among Gordon, Nelson and Harris. Gordon is the most explosive of the three, but he played primarily at shooting guard in college He was measured at only 6-1 by the NBA, and it's likely that who ever selects him will try to convert him to the point.

"I am looking forward to becoming a full-time NBA point guard," Gordon said, "There are a lot of NBA point guards who score, and I think that could be a big part of my game.

Not everybody is convinced that Gordon's transition to the point will be easy.

"It's very hard to turn a shooting guard into a point," one NBA scout said. "I think somebody like Gordon will have a tough adjustment "

There may be no more intelligent point guard than the 5-11

Of all the point-guard prospects, he probably has the best ability to run an offense. He isn't flashy, but his game is fundamentally sound.

And despite his height, there should be room in the NBA for somebody with his talents.

Harris, who averaged 19.5

points per game, shot 37.3 percent from three-point range, and was named the Big Ten player of the year last season, was mea-sured at 6-134 by the NBA. It's likely that he will be a top-10 pick Jackson, like Nelson, is a rarity

in this draft — a senior who is like ly to be a first-round selection Measured at 6-6, he shot 44 percent from three-point range last season A key for both Jackson and

Humphries will be whether they can defend adequately. But Humphries, who worked out with the 76ers on Friday, impressed Sixers coach Jim O'Brien.

"Kris is a very talented offen-sive player," O'Brien said. "He is skilled with the basketball and shoots with range, and what you have to evaluate is his athleti-

Snyder has gone up the charts recently. But he was only a 31 percent three-point shooter for his college career and must improve

his perimeter game.

Youth will be served in this draft. It's possible that Nelson Jackson and center Rafael Araujo of Brigham Young will be the only three college seniors selected in the first round.

# Few veterans, 9 free agents among Bobcats' 19 picks

BY JENNA FRYER The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. get too attached to the 19 players the Charlotte Bobcats picked in the NBA expansion draft: The team expects less than half of them to make it to the first training camp

The Bobcats stocked their roster with a mix of young players Tuesday night short on name recognition but rich in potential

Jason Kapono of Cleveland, Gerald Wallace of Sacramento, Tamar Slay of New Jersey and Jamal Sampson all could make the team. Too had the 500 or so fans who turned out for the selection show had never heard of

What we want is players who what we want is players who
need an opportunity to show they
can play. Players talk all the time,
they want PT — playing time —
and they want to know their role. We can guarantee both," general manager and coach Bernie Rickerstaff said

Nine of the selections are restricted free agents, meaning they automatically become unrestricted free agents and can negotiate with every NBA team except the

ones that left them unprotected. That's bad news for the handful of fans in the crowd of 500 who cheered the selection of Marcus

Fizer of Chicago. But Jahidi White of Phoenix and Wallace — the only other players to draw any sort of fan response — should show up in Bobcats orange this fall. The Suns gave Charlotte \$3 million and a fufirst-round pick to take White. The six-year veteran will have the highest salary of any Bobcats player, \$5.88 million

Although some players might be reluctant to join an expansion team, Kapono was not.

Kapono, who Bickerstaff picked despite "incentive offers" from Cleveland not to choose him, was thrilled to be coming to Charlotte. "I am really excited to be join-



ing a new franchise where everybody is going to start on the same level and everyone will have the same chance," he told The Associated Press by telephone from Cali-"The only thing I am anxous about is the three-hour plane ride to Charlotte because I can't wait to get there

White, Fizer, Wallace of Sacra-mento and Predrag Drobnjak of the Los Angeles Clippers were the most experienced players among the Bobcats' selections from the other 29 NBA franchis-

. The Robcats also selected Utah guard Aleksandar Pavlovic, who will be dealt to Cleveland for a fu-ture first-round draft pick.

Pavlovic will give the Cavs a shooter to replace Kapono, who was one of just four guards cho-

sen by the Bobcats A big name will be added in Thursday night's NBA Draft when the Bobcats select either Emeka Okafor or high school phe-

nom Dwight Howard. Charlotte traded the No. 4 pick to the Clippers to move up and

make a run at Okafor. Other selections were Indiana center Primoz Brezec, Orlando forward Zaza Pachulia, Boston forward Brandon Hunter and Memphis forward Theron Smith.

The Bobcats' selection of Marcus Fizer makes the Bulls forward an unrestricted free agent

'We think this young man is the sleeper of this selection," Bickerstaff said of Smith, who appeared in 20 games for Memphis last sea-son and averaged 2.2 points.

Each NBA team could protect up to eight players, but had to make at least one player available if they didn't have eight to pro-

The restricted free agents selected by the Bobcats included Seattle guard Richie Frahm, Miami center Loren Woods, forward Slay, Nuggets guard Jeff Trepagnier. Washington forward Lonnie Baxter, Golden State guard J.R. Bremer, Fizer, New Orleans guard Maurice Carter and Portland swingman Desmond Fergu-

One glaring omission from the expansion draft was a point guard, which Bickerstaff said he'd try to get through free agen-

cy.
"We must find a point guard,"
Bickerstaff said. "We would look for a veteran point guard to mentor the younger guys, but it is the young guys' game. A veteran will be here to give us respect with the referees and professionalism in the locker room



South Carolina's Steve Pearce and Bryan Triplett celebrate after Triplett scored on Pearce's two-run home run in the first inning against Miami in a College World Series elimination game.

# S. Carolina, Arizona remain alive in CWS

By ERIC OLSON The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. - Bryan Triplett had four hits and Nick Gardiner and Brendan Winn drove in three runs each as South Carolina eliminated Miami from the College World Series with a 15-11 vic-

tory Tuesday night. Winn, Steven Tolleson and Steve Pearce homered, and the Gamecocks scored the most runs against Miami since Florida got 15 in last year's NCAA regionals.

Winn scored five times to tie a CWS record. Miami was the second team

knocked out of the CWS on Tuesday. Georgia eliminated Arizona with a 3-1 victory earlier in the The Gamecocks, beaten 2-0 by

Cal State Fullerton in their CWS opener, defeated LSU 15-4 on Monday and became the first team since LSU in 1991 to score 15 or more runs in consecutive Series games 'Maybe we were due a little

bit," South Carolina coach Ray Tanner said. "In the first game we were goose-egged and have been in our other two trips out We're capable of throwing up

some runs like these other guys, too. It's very rare you can do it on back to back teams like LSU and South Carolina starter Billy

Buckner (7-2) scattered nine hits and struck out 10 in seven in-

nings. The Gamecocks (51-16) play Wednesday against Cal State Fultwice to reach the championship lerton. They will have to beat the best-of-three round that starts this weekend. Georgia faces a similar task as

it must beat top-seeded Texas on Wednesday and Thursday to get to the championship series. Jon Jay had a three-run homer

and a career-high four RBIs, and Roger Tomas went 4-for-5 to lead Miami (50-13), which scored seven runs in the last two innings after falling behind 15-4.

The Hurricanes, who lost to Ful-lerton on Monday, outhit the Gamecocks 17-16 but couldn't avoid losing consecutive games for the first time this season.

two runs in each of the first four innings to build a 12-0 lead. The Gamecocks finished with their most runs since scoring 16

against Delaware State in March.
Pearce hit a two-run homer, his team-leading 21st, in the first off Miami starter Brandon Cama-rdese (6-3), who lasted just 11/3 in-

Georgia's Michael oitched six shutout innings, and Marshall Szabo had three hits including a triple and double in the Bulldogs' win over Arizona.

"We can't even enjoy this for a little bit, huh?" Georgia coach David Perno said of having to play the top-seeded Longhorns. "I guess that's where we have to go

The Bulldogs (45-22) lost 9-3 to Texas on Sunday. "We're better than we showed

Sunday night, and our players want a shot to go out and prove Perno said. Arizona (36-27-1) went 1-2 in

its first CWS appearance since 1986, losing twice to Georgia. Hyle (8-2) scattered six hits, walked two and struck out five be-

ore leaving in the seventh inning. Will Startup earned his 12th save of the season and second of the Startup retired five in a row, striking out three. The All-Southeastern Conference closer has al-

innings of CWS work, and he said he's ready to pitch some more on short rest 'This is the biggest stage in college baseball, so there's no ques-tion I'll be ready to go," he said.

lowed four hits and one run in six

Kevin Guvette (6-8) gave up two runs and seven hits in 61/3 in-Georgia scored twice in the third when Szabo drove in a run

and then came home on Joev Side's single. The Bulldogs added an insurance run in the eighth when Szabo tripled and then scored on Bobby Felmy's two-out

Arizona got only one runner past second base in the first six innings.
The Wildcats broke through in

the seventh against Startup. He bounced back to retire the final five batters, striking out three.





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# Safin, weather slam Wimbledon

# Russian says he 'gives up'; third day washed out

BY STEPHEN WILSON The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Marat Safin has an aversion to the grass courts at Wimbledon. In fact, he hates them so much he wants no part of the place.

"I give up on Wimbledon," Safin said after losing to fellow Russian Dmitry Tursunov in the first round on Tuesday. "This is definitely not the tournament for me."

Wimbledon is a place for rain, and Wednesday it washed out play completely and prompted organizers to consider playing matches on the middle Sunday for only the third time in tournament his-

The last time a whole day's play was

called off was on the first Tuesday in 1999.
The last time matches were played on the middle Sunday was 1997, when two days were washed out and only 94 matches were finished after three days. The only 52 match-the was in 1991 when only 52 match-

es were competed after four days.
Tournament officials postponed 29 second-round matches and announced that play would start an hour earlier Thursday, at 11 a.m. on outside courts and noon on

Centre and Court 1 — weather permitting. Men's doubles matches, meanwhile, will be reduced to best-of-three sets until the quarterfinals. That also happened in 1991.

'97 and '98. Only 83 of the scheduled 128 singles matches were completed on the opening two days, the fewest on the first Monday and Tuesday since 1991.

"Officially, we're 45 matches behind and, if we were thinking of playing on Sunday, that would not be until Friday," tournament referee Alan Mills said. "Obviously, we would like not to play on the middle Sunday."

Second-seeded Andy Roddick and No. 3 Guillermo Coria were among those hoping to resume matches that had been suspended Tuesday

Roddick was up 4-2 against Taiwan's Wang Yeu-tzuoo on Centre Court. Coria, the French Open runner-up, was two points away from vicagainst Wesley Moodie when play was

tory against Wesley Moodle when play was stopped at 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-7 (3), 5-3.

"I expect this when I come here," said 2001 champion Goran Ivanisevic, who is retiring after the tournament. "We had great weather the last two weeks. I knew something bad has to come."

Ivanisevic's second-round match against Filippo Volandri was among those called off Wednesday.

Safin completed his match — with former Russian President Boris Yeltsin, one of Safin's biggest fans, watching — on Tuesday. Yeltsin left after Safin lost four straight games to drop the second set.

Things only got worse for Safin. He smashed his racket, swore at the umpire and put in little effort near the end of the 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 7-6 (1) defeat.

"After awhile, I just get bored," he said. "I lost completely motivation, and I give

It was a startling admission from a player who is no stranger to controversy. At the French Open last month, Safin pulled down his shorts during a second-round victory over Felix Mantilla.

Safin, 24, is considered one of the most talented and physically imposing players in the game. He won the U.S. Open and reached No. 1 in the rankings in 2000. He got to the Australian Open final twice (2002 and 2004) and the French Open semis in 2002.

But Wimbledon has always been Safin's least favorite Grand Slam.

He reached the quarterfinals in 2001, but failed to advance past the second round in three other appearances.

Tuesday's loss marked the first time he's been knocked out in the first round of a Grand Slam event since the 2000 Australian Onen.

While the swaggering 6-foot-4 Safin would seem to have the physique and booming shots to win at Wimbledon, he insists he just can't deal with the footwork and low bounces.

"I don't feel like I'm moving," he said. "I cannot move there. Every time, I don't know how it's going to bounce. It's like a real nightmare for me."

Part of the adjustment to grass is mental. "You have to be really focused in your mind, but it's not my territory," Safin said. Safin didn't say he won't be back at Wim-



Marat Safin throws his racket after losing a point to Dmitry Tursunov during their first-round match at Wimbledon on Tuesday.

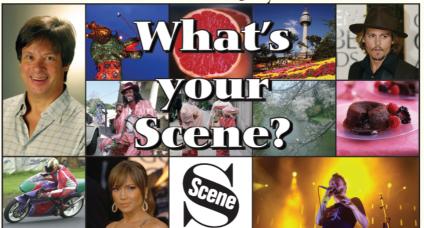
bledon, only that from now on he won't bother showing up early to practice on grass or play in warmup events. Instead, he'll just arrive a couple of days before the tournament.

"I hate this," he said. "I'll just practice a couple of days, then I play. I'm not going to waste my time on that knowing I will not play well."

Yeltin's presence didn't help some other top Russian players, either.

Also upset in the first round was sixth-seeded Elena Dementieva, the French Open finalist, who lots 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 to Sandra Kleinova of the Czech Republic. No. 8 Svetlana Kuznetsova was ousted by France's Virginie Razzano in three sets.

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# In draft, two schools of thought

### Teams lured by potential of prep stars like Howard

BY MARC NARDUCCI

The Philadelphia Inquires

PHILADELPHIA school players have been selected in the first round of the NBA Draft every year since 1995

Not only will that streak stay intact, but in addition, this year's class is expected to set a record for players going from the high school prom directly to the NBA.

There were a record four high school first-rounders last year and in 2001

The 2001 draft produced four high school picks among the first eight, including the top two selections, Kwame Brown of Washington and Tyson Chandler, taken by the Los Angeles Clippers and dealt on draft day to the Chicago Bulls

Last year, LeBron James exceeded all the hype he received as the NBA's first choice. Travis Outlaw, Ndudi Ebi and Kendrick Perkins also were first-round high school picks last season, but didn't conjure un comparisons to LeBron James or even Detroit guard Mike James

That's why NBA teams will be gambling when they select high school players. And make no mistake, the names of high school players will be called frequently in Thursday's draft, to be held in New York

"This year, there could be at least six high school first-rounders and maybe more," said Marty Blake, the NBA's director of scouting services, who has been evaluating players for more than six decades.

Despite the mass exodus from high school, many of the players in the Class of 2004 aren't expected to be immediately ready for the NBA.

"It's a pretty good high school group, especially when looking at potential upside, but with high school players you just never know," said Tony DiLeo, the 76ers' assistant general manager and senior vice president. "There is nobody like LeBron who will step in and be a major impact

There isn't a player in the high school class who doesn't carry some form of basketball wart.



Atlanta prep star Dwight Howard, left, and UConn's Emeka Okafor are the expected top picks in the NBA Draft.

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The acknowledged No. 1 player is Dwight Howard, an athletic for-

ward from Atlanta. Howard lost two inches recently, but not much in stature. Two weeks ago in Chicago, during the NBA pre-draft camp, he was measured at 6-foot-9 in his

bare feet after being listed at 6-11 by most publications. He has the potential to be a perennial NBA This spring, during the week of practice for the McDonald's

all-American game in Oklahoma City, Howard seemed to struggle his stamina at times and with developing any post moves. Since school ended on May 28,

he has been awakening at 4 a.m. for workouts "I know in the NBA I have to

get my body used to getting up early, going to practice, so I want-ed to get used to it now," Howard said at the Chicago camp

The other likely high school first-rounders are Shaun Livingston, a 6-61/2 point guard from Peoria, Ill.; J.R. Smith, a 6-51/2 shooting guard from Newark, N.J.; Josh Smith, a 6-7 small forward from Powder Springs, Ga., who played for the renowned Oak Hill Academy in Virginia; Al Jefferson, a 6-8 power forward from Prentiss, Miss.; Robert Swift, a foot center from Bakersfield, Calif; and Sebastian Telfair, the celebrated 5-11 point guard from Brooklyn N V

top 20 picks.

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# College grad Okafor could contribute immediately

BY MARC NARDUCCI

The Philadelphia Inquires

CHICAGO - Emeka Okafor is tired of the questions, but that doesn't mean they are about to

Since helping the University of Connecticut to the NCAA basketball title and being named the outstanding player in the Final Four, Okafor has been poked, prodded and polled about his creaky back.

The back caused him to miss three games and play several others in serious discomfort last season. Now he says the biggest pain comes in the form of the persistent questions about it.

"I should put out a questions sheet: 'The back is doing OK,' 'Okafor said after the NBA's pre-draft camp this month. "I've been working out for a while, and there is no pain."

Okafor is projected to be the top pick in the draft, but while he says his physical condition isn't a concern, his back has raised a red flag for NBA teams.

For a player like that, who has had problems, it is definitely a concern," one Eastern Confer-ence executive said. "I think you have to look at his situation very

If healthy, Okafor would seem to be the class of the college crop, and he is likely to be taken by the Orlando Magic with the No. 1

Measured by the NBA at 6 feet, 83/4 inches, he could become one of the league's elite power forwards. But will he be able to flourish on offense in the pros? Like his back, that's not exactly a favorite tonic of conversation for him.

"I averaged 21 [points] and 10 [rebounds], and I don't know what more I could have done," Okafor said of his performance in UConn's Final Four victories over Duke and Georgia Tech. "Maybe average 30 points per game?"

For his junior season as a whole, he averaged 17.6 points and 11.5 rebounds. He finished his three-year college career with 441 blocked shots — the sev-enth-highest total in NCAA histo-

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